

## RED LINE

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DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) —

Syria's government and rebels traded accusations Tuesday of a chemical attack on a northern village for the first time in the civil war, although the U.S. said there was no evidence it had happened.

The use of such weapons would be a nightmare scenario in the 2-year-old conflict that has killed an estimated 70,000 people,



Citizens inspect houses destroyed by Syrian airstrikes in Aleppo, Syria. Syrian information minister says chemical weapon fired is 'first act' by interim government.  
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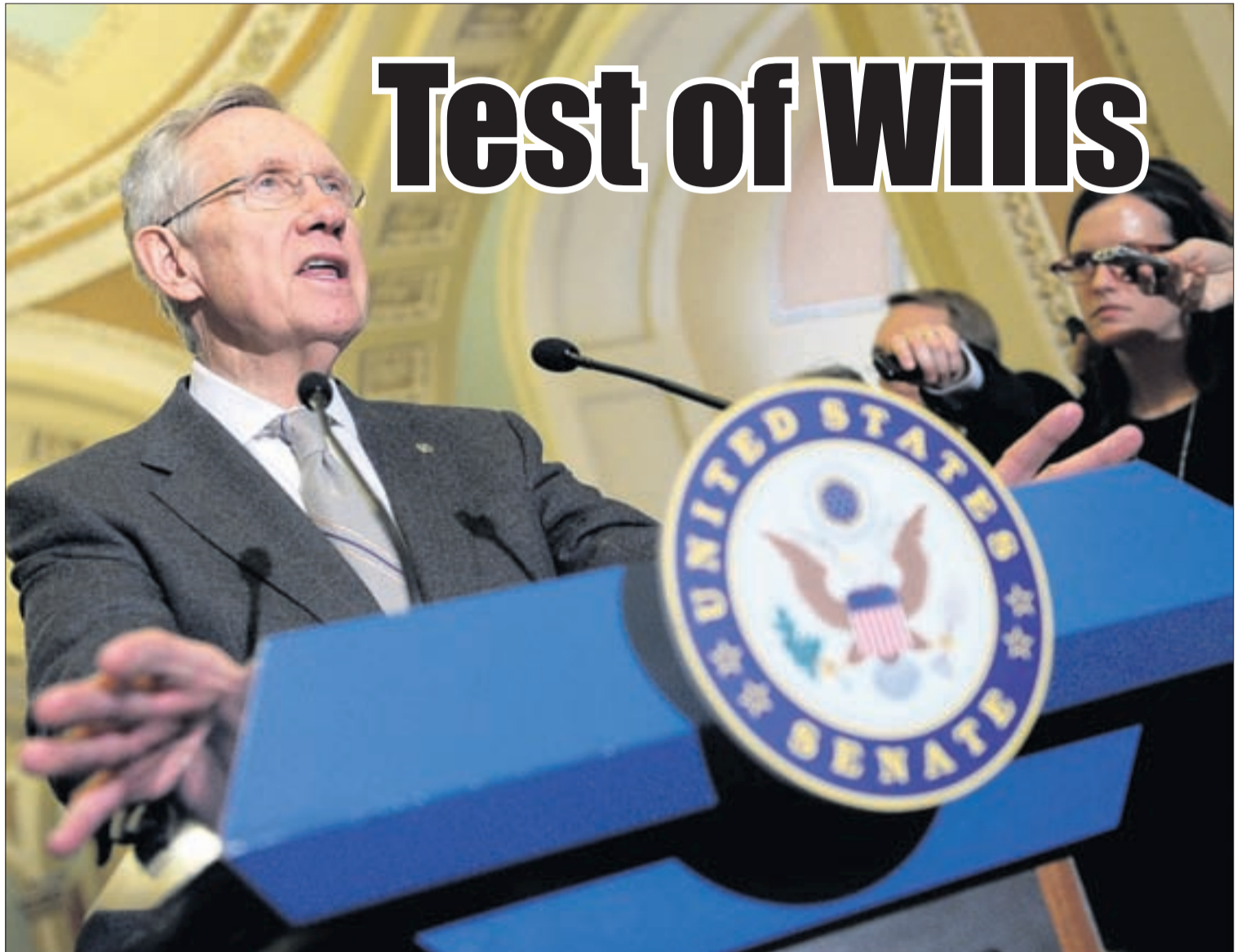
and the competing claims showed a willingness by both sides to go to new levels to seek support from world powers.

One of the international community's biggest concerns is that Syria's arsenal of chemical weapons could be used by one side or the other, or could fall into the hands of foreign jihadi fighters among the rebels or the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah, which is allied with the regime of President Bashar Assad.

President Barack Obama has declared the use, deployment or transfer of the weapons would be a "red line" for possible military intervention by the U.S. in the Syrian conflict.

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## Test of Wills



Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nev. gestures as he speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

## Progress slows on bill to avoid shutdown

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A dispute over budget cuts that threaten dozens of smaller control towers with closure slowed Senate progress Tuesday on legislation to avoid a government shutdown on March 27.

Sen. Jerry Moran, R-Kan., refused repeatedly to permit final passage of the measure unless Democrats first allow a vote on his plan for erasing most of the cuts aimed at towers operated by Federal Aviation Administration contract employees.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., just as persistently declined to give in, and other Democrats noted that House Republicans had rejected

calls to give all federal agencies the type of budget flexibility that Moran was seeking.

The test of wills endured as Republicans and Democrats in Congress struggled with two goals — ensuring there is no interruption of routine government funding while simultaneously vying for political advantage in the wake of \$85 billion in across-the-board spending cuts that kicked in earlier this month. Across the Capitol, the Republican-controlled House began debate on a budget that promises to eliminate federal deficits in decade. The blueprint, authored by Rep. Paul Ryan, D-Wis., calls for \$6.4 trillion in spending cuts and no tax increases, and

is expected to clear by week's end.

For their part, Senate Republicans kept their distance from the plan, deciding not to seek a symbolic vote on it when the Senate begins its own budget debate later in the week.

Sensing an opportunity for political mischief, Senate Democrats vowed not to let Republicans off easy. They said they would require a vote on Ryan's budget — even though they unanimously oppose it.

As gridlock gripped the Senate, the top U.S. commander in South America told Congress the cuts would reduce if not eliminate the entire fleet of ships used to counter drug-runners.

Gen. John Kelly said that U.S. forces seized 150 to 200 tons of cocaine last year. If the budget cuts stand, "next year all of that will make its way ashore and into the United States," he told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

In the Senate, Moran said, "It's not my nature to be an obstructionist" as he pressed his case. He added that his proposal has support from senators in both parties and that House Republican leaders have indicated the bill's final approval would not be jeopardized if the change were incorporated.

Democrats responded tartly.

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# Syria and rebels trade chemical weapons charges

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The accusations emerged only a few hours after the Syrian opposition elected a prime minister to head an interim government that would rule areas seized by rebel forces from the Assad regime.

The state-run SANA news agency said "a missile containing a chemical substance" was fired at the village of Khan al-Assal in Aleppo province by "terrorists" — the term it uses for rebels.

Deputy Foreign Minister Faysal Mekdad said 31 people were killed.

SANA added that more than 100 others were wounded, some of them critically, and it published pictures showing casualties, including children, on stretchers in what appears to be a hospital ward. None showed signs of physical injuries.

"It is another crime to be

added to the record of armed terrorist groups that are supported by some Arab countries and Western countries," Mekdad



**A Syrian victim who suffered an alleged chemical attack at Khan al-Assal village according to SANA, receives treatment by doctors, at a hospital in Aleppo, Syria, Tuesday March 19, 2013.**

(AP Photo/SANA)

told reporters in Damascus. To back up its claims of a chemical attack by the rebels, SANA pointed to videos posted on YouTube several months ago that

purported to show regime opponents experimenting with poisons on mice and rabbits. The origin of the videos was not known.

The rebels quickly denied using chemical weapons and accused regime forces of doing so.

Maj. Gen. Adnan Sillu, who was previously among

those in charge of Syria's chemical weapons training program before he defected to Turkey last year, accused the Assad government of firing a chemical weapon. "Only the regime has long range missiles capable of handling chemical agents," he said in comments to Arab broadcaster Al Arabiya.

The head of Syria's main opposition group, the Syrian National Council, said the group was still investigating the attack.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which relies on a network of activists in the country, said a rocket attack on Khan al-Assal killed at least 26 people.

The group's director, Rami Abdul-Rahman, said he had no information that chemical weapons were involved and said the rocket landed near a military installation.

The village lies just west of the city of Aleppo and had seen fierce fighting for weeks before rebels took over a sprawling government complex there last month. The facility included several military posts and a police academy that Assad's forces have turned into a military base that regularly shells nearby villages.

The Aleppo Media Center, affiliated with the rebels, said there were cases of "suffocation and poison" among civilians in Khan al-Assal after a missile was fired at the area. It said in a statement the cases were "most likely" caused by regime forces' use of "poisonous gases."

Mohammed al-Khatib, an activist in Aleppo, said regime forces meant to target rebels but the missile landed in a government-controlled area of Khan al-Assal instead. □

# Cyprus in limbo after rejecting bank seizures plan

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**NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP)** — Lawmakers in Cyprus decisively rejected a plan on Tuesday to seize up to 10 percent of people's bank deposits in order to secure an international bailout and prevent a collapse of the country's banks.

The vote leaves the tiny Mediterranean economy in financial limbo, but hundreds of protesters outside Parliament cheered and sang the national anthem when they heard the bill failed.

Still, Cyprus needs 15.8 billion euros (\$20.4 billion) to bail out its heavily indebted banks and shore up government finances. If it doesn't get the money, the banks could fail, Cyprus' government finances could be ruined for years and the country could face expulsion from the 17-country euro currency union. Eurozone countries and the International Monetary Fund have pledged to provide 10 billion eu-

ros (\$12.9 billion) in rescue loans if Cyprus can come up with the remainder.

With the country's banks closed since Saturday to avoid a run, Cypriot leaders will now try to hatch a more politically palatable plan that might also satisfy officials in the eurozone and IMF.

The plan that was rejected Tuesday — with 36 votes against, 19 abstentions and one absence — had been amended to shield the smallest depositors, those with under 20,000 euros (\$25,858) in the bank. But deposits up to 100,000 euros (\$129,290) are supposed to be insured by all euro countries. There has been widespread condemnation of the plan throughout Europe since it was announced over the weekend.

Global financial markets were on edge Tuesday, but investors so far have taken the latest turmoil in Europe in stride. The Cypriot economy is tiny and there is hope that Europe's political leaders can find a

way to bolster the country's finances and prevent it from leaving the euro. After the Cypriot vote came in, the Dow Jones industrial average ended the day 3 points higher at 14,455. Ear-



**Members of parliament vote against a crucial plan to seize a part of depositors' bank savings, in Nicosia, Tuesday, March 19, 2013.**

(AP Photo/Philippos Christou)

lier in the day, European markets closed slightly lower while the euro edged down 0.4 percent against the dollar.

"This is not the end of the

process, but instead kicks off a further round of negotiation," said Alex White of J.P.Morgan. "The Cypriot authorities wanted to conduct the vote so that they could reaffirm the extent of

their difficulties to the Europeans."

Part of the reason for the market calm is that the European Central Bank has promised to do whatever it

takes to protect the euro. It has a plan in place to buy the government debt of any countries that fall into financial trouble, provided they ask for help. That has helped keep bond market borrowing rates manageable for Italy and Spain, for example.

The ECB said after the Cyprus vote that it would continue providing liquidity to Cypriot banks to prevent their immediate collapse. Some had feared that if Cyprus rejected the bailout, the ECB might stop providing support, letting the banks fail.

Of the 15.8 billion euros (\$20.4 billion) that Cyprus needs, roughly 8.3 billion euros (\$10.73 billion) is for its two top lenders — Bank of Cyprus and Laiki Bank, which is effectively controlled by the government already. About 7.5 billion euros (\$9.7 billion) would be used to finance the country's deficits over the next 4 years and to cover a 1.5 billion euro (\$1.94 billion) debt payment that comes due in June. □

## Pope sees 'horizon of hope'

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**VATICAN CITY (AP)** — Pope Francis laid out the priorities of his pontificate during his installation Mass on Tuesday, urging the princes, presidents, sheiks and thousands of ordinary people attending to protect the environment, the weakest and the poorest and to let tenderness "open up a horizon of hope."

It was a message Francis has hinted at in his first week as pontiff, when his gestures of simplicity often spoke louder than his words. But on a day when he had the world's economic, political and religious leadership sitting before him on the steps of St. Peter's Basilica for the official start of his papacy, Francis made his point clear.

"Please," he told them. "Let us be protectors of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment." The Argentine native is the first pope from Latin America and the first named for the 13th-century friar St. Francis of Assisi, whose life's work was to care for nature, the poor and most disadvantaged. The Vatican said between 150,000-200,000 people attended the Mass, held under bright blue skies after days of chilly rain and featuring flag-waving fans from around the world. In Buenos Aires, thousands of people packed the central Plaza di Mayo square to watch the ceremony on giant TV screens, erupting in joy when Francis called them from Rome, his words broadcast over loudspeakers.

"I want to ask a favor," Francis told them. "I want to ask you to walk together, and take care of one another. ... And don't forget that this bishop who is far away loves you very much. Pray for me."

Back in Rome, Francis was interrupted by applause several times during his homily, including when he urged the faithful not to allow "omens of destruc-

tion," hatred, envy and pride to "defile our lives." Francis said the role of the leader of the world's 1.2 billion Catholics is to open his arms and protect all of humanity, but "especially



**Pope Francis gives thumb-up to faithful at his inauguration Mass in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, Tuesday, March 19, 2013.**  
(AP Photo/Angelo Carconi)

the poorest, the weakest, the least important, those whom Matthew lists in the final judgment on love: the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and those in prison."

"Today amid so much darkness we need to see the light of hope and to be men and women who bring hope to others," he said. "To protect creation, to protect every man and every woman, to look upon them with tenderness and love, is to open up a horizon of hope, it is to let a shaft of light break through the heavy clouds."

After the celebrations die down, Francis has his work cut out for him as he confronts a church in crisis: Retired Pope Benedict XVI spent eight years trying to reverse the decline of Christianity in Europe, without much success.

While growing in Africa and Asia, the Catholic Church has been stained in Europe, Australia and the Americas by sexual abuse scandals. Closer to home, Francis is facing serious management shortcomings in a Vatican bureaucracy in dire need of reform. □

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"I want to restore the Head Start to 70,000 children. I want to restore 10,000 teacher jobs," countered Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., referring to the threatened impact of across-the-board cuts elsewhere in the budget.

In general, senior members of the Senate Appropriations Committee have worked harmoniously to ease the impact of the \$85 billion in spending cuts on numerous agencies.

As drafted, the measure includes House-passed provisions to give the Pentagon and the Department of Veterans Affairs flexibility in coping with the cuts. It also extends similar leeway to the departments

of Agriculture, Commerce, Justice and Homeland Security, as well as the Food and Drug Administration.

There was no such provision for the FAA, where Moran said officials had ordered a 75 percent cut in funding for airport towers operated by contract employees even though the agency's overall reduction is 5 percent.

The Kansan suggested strongly that Democrats were playing politics with the issue.

"I've been trying to fathom why would the Department of Transportation, in a sense, single out this program," he said on Monday night.

"It's hard for me to fathom a good answer to that question, and the closest

I can come is there are those in Washington, D.C., who want to demonstrate that we can't cut a dime — we can't cut \$85 billion in federal spending from \$3.6 trillion, just 28 days of spending — at all," added Moran, who doubles as chairman of the Senate Republican campaign committee. In the case of the FAA, Moran's office circulated a list of 173 facilities that could be closed. Seven were in the senator's home state and the rest scattered around the country. Most if not all are smaller or medium-size locations. Moran's proposal calls for transferring \$50 million to the contract tower program from FAA accounts that have unspent funds. □

## Paul spells out plan for immigration

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**WASHINGTON** — In a speech before the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, Sen. Rand Paul detailed his position on immigration, including an implicit pathway to citizenship, contingent on border security, for illegal immigrants already in the country.

"I think the conversation needs to start by acknowledging we aren't going to deport 12 million illegal immigrants," said Paul, R-Ky. "If you wish to work, if you wish to live and work in America, then we will find a place for you."

Though Paul never used the word "citizenship" in his nearly 18-minute speech, he later clarified during an interview on Capitol Hill that he envisioned illegal immigrants "would get in the normal line."

"There is a normal line for citizenship, but they haven't been eligible for it because people have been saying, 'You have to go home,'" he said.

"So we're saying you don't have to go home, so that's another step forward. But we're also saying that you don't get to go to the front

of the line. You just get in the normal line that everyone else gets."

During his speech, Paul implied that a path to citizen-

duly rewarding them for coming illegally."

Paul said the Border Patrol and an investigator general would have to certify



**U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky. endorsed a pathway to citizenship for the nation's 11 million illegal immigrants in a speech delivered Tuesday March 19, 2013 to the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. (AP Photo/Aron Heller)**

ship that was contingent on securing America's borders.

"In order to bring conservatives to this cause, however, those who work for reform must understand that a real solution must ensure that our borders are secure," he said.

"We also must treat those who are already here with understanding and compassion, without also un-

derstanding that the borders were secure, submitting a report to Congress. Congress would then need to vote on the matter before other parts of his immigration plan could proceed, he said.

Paul's speech came a day after the Republican National Committee released a report calling on the Republican Party to embrace comprehensive immigration reform. □

## Statue of Liberty to reopen by July 4

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**NEW YORK** – The Statue of Liberty, which has been closed to visitors since Hurricane Sandy struck in late October, will reopen by the Fourth of July holiday, federal officials said Tuesday.

Interior Secretary Ken Salazar and Sen. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., announced the plan three weeks after Salazar toured the statue's home, on Liberty Island in New York Harbor. The secretary had planned to announce a reopening date on that trip, but after seeing the unrepaired damage, he held off.

The statue was not harmed by the storm, but several structures on the island were ruined, including the dock for ferries carrying visitors from Lower Manhattan and Liberty State Park in Jersey City, N.J. The ferries stop at both Ellis and Liberty Islands.

The interior of the statue had been closed for a year starting in 2011 and had been reopened only one day when the storm



Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar announced on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 that the Statue of Liberty is scheduled to reopen by Independence Day, about eight months after it was closed because of Superstorm Sandy.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

hit. Since then, all of Liberty and Ellis Islands have been off-limits to visitors.

Another obstacle has been a long-running disagree-

ment between the National Park Service and the New York Police Department over how to handle security. □

## Steubenville rape comments lead to charges against two

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**STEUBENVILLE, Ohio** – The rape trial that concluded here on Sunday with the conviction of two high school football stars has spurred calls in many quarters for expanding – or more aggressively enforcing – the legal obligations of those who know about a sexual assault, or who could be in a position to prevent one.

Now, new charges related to the case might also make students and others with Twitter and other social media accounts think twice about the tone and substance of their online statements. Two girls, ages 15 and 16, appeared before a Juvenile Court judge here on Tuesday morning, accused of posting comments after the verdicts on Sunday that threatened the rape victim, a 16-year-old girl. Both girls were arrested late Monday afternoon and charged with intimidation of a witness, a third-degree felony that could mean juvenile detention for up to six months if they are convicted. They

were also charged with two related misdemeanors.

Judge Sam Kerr ordered the two girls held in juvenile detention until a hearing next Wednesday after a prosecutor argued that they should remain in custody to protect the victim. The 15-year-old is accused of stating online that she would celebrate by “beating” the rape victim. The 16-year-old who was charged is accused of posting a message on Twitter saying, “You ripped my family apart, you made my cousin cry,” and adding that when she saw her, “it’s gone be a homicide.”

Announcing the arrests, the Ohio attorney general, Mike DeWine, said: “Let me be clear. Threatening a teenage rape victim will not be tolerated. If anyone makes a threat verbally or via the Internet, we will take it seriously, we will find you, and we will arrest you.” Francesca Carinci, the lawyer for the 15-year-old, said her client’s online statement was made in frustration after a long day of harassment that included hundreds of phone calls – from as far away as Britain – after she posted words of support for Ma’lik Richmond, 16, a friend of hers and one of the two football players convicted of rape on Sunday.

Carinci said that her client did not know the rape victim and was not sending a message to her, and that she believed her client was being treated more harshly than normal because prosecutors and law enforcement officials “are operating under a heightened sense of scrutiny because the whole world is watching.” She added: “If you start overcharging things just to respond to all the scrutiny, it’s the classic slippery slope.”

According to The Steubenville Herald-Star, the older sister and guardian of the other girl facing charges said that the Twitter posting in question had quoted a rap song, and that her family had also been threatened on social media because they are related to Richmond. □

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# Ohio: Defiant teen gets life sentences in shooting

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**CHARDON, Ohio (AP)** — Wearing a T-shirt with "killer" scrawled across it, a teenager cursed and gestured obscenely as he was given three life sentences Tuesday for shooting to death three students in an Ohio high school cafeteria. T.J. Lane, 18, had pleaded guilty last month to shooting at students in February 2012 at Chardon High School, east of Cleveland. Investigators have said he admitted to the shooting but said he didn't know why he did it.

Before the case went to adult court last year, a juvenile court judge ruled that Lane was mentally competent to stand trial despite evidence he suffers from hallucinations, psychosis and fantasies. Lane was defiant during the sentencing, smiling and smirking throughout, including while four relatives of victims spoke. After he came in, he calmly unbuttoned his blue dress shirt to reveal the T-shirt reading "killer," which the prosecutor noted was similar to one he wore during the shooting.

At one point, he swiveled around in his chair toward the gallery where his own family members and those of the slain teenagers were sitting and spoke suddenly, surprising even his lawyer. "The hand that pulled the trigger that killed your sons now masturbates to the memory," he said, then cursed at and raised his middle finger toward the victims' relatives. A student who was wounded in the rampage dismissed the outburst. "He said it like a scared little boy and couldn't talk slow enough that anyone could understand him," said Nate Mueller, who was nicked in the ear in the shooting.

Dina Parmertor, mother of victim Daniel, called Lane "a pathetic excuse for a human being" and wished



T.J. Lane unbuttons his shirt during sentencing Tuesday, March 19, 2013, in Chardon, Ohio. (AP Photo/Duncan Scott)

upon him "an extremely, slow torturous death." She said she has nightmares and her family has been physically sick over the crimes.

"From now on, he will only be a killer," she said, as Lane's smile widened. "I want him to feel my anger toward him."

Prosecutors say Lane took a .22-caliber pistol and a knife to the school and fired 10 shots at a group of students in the cafeteria.

Daniel Parmertor and Demetrius Hewlin, both 16, and Russell King Jr., 17, were killed.

Lane was at Chardon waiting for a bus to the alternative school he attended, for students who haven't done well in traditional settings. Six days before the rampage, Lane had sent a text message to his sister, who attended Chardon High school, and mentioned a school shooting, Geauga County Prosecutor James Flaiz disclosed after the sentencing.

He gave no details about what the message said.

"The way the text message was phrased to his sister, I'm not sure she would have taken it as anything. I think only when you look at it in retrospect does it really have the impact that it does now," Flaiz said. □

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## Transocean CEO: Rig workers should have done more

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**Associated Press**

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — Transocean employees should have done more to detect signs of trouble before the company's drilling rig exploded in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010, killing 11 workers and triggering the nation's worst offshore oil spill, the company's chief executive testified Tuesday.

But the Swiss-based drilling company's own investigation of the disaster didn't find any mistakes beyond the rig floor, Transocean Ltd.

president and CEO Steven Newman said. He testified on the 14th day of a trial designed to determine the causes of BP's well blowout and to assign fault to the companies involved.



**Steve Newman, president and CEO of Swiss-based Transocean Ltd., leaves Federal Court after testifying in New Orleans, Tuesday, March 19, 2013.**

(AP Photo/Gerald Herbert)

Newman said Transocean didn't identify any "management failures" that led to the blowout.

"I think we had a good system in place," he said.

Newman testified that Transocean agreed in January to plead guilty to a criminal charge of violating the Clean Water Act because its rig workers on the Deepwater Horizon played a role in botching a crucial safety test before the blowout.

"Do you blame the crew that night?"

Transocean attorney Brad Brian asked Newman.

"Do I blame the crew? Do I wish the crew would have done more? Absolutely. I am not sure that that's the same emotional content as blame," Newman said. Newman, however, said

BP ultimately was responsible for deciding how to perform the safety test and for determining whether it was successful.

Two BP rig supervisors, Robert Kaluza and Donald Vidrine, are charged with manslaughter in the 11 rig workers' deaths and await a separate trial.

An indictment last year accused Kaluza and Vidrine of disregarding abnormally high pressure readings during the safety test.

No Transocean employees have been charged with crimes,

but the company pleaded guilty to the misdemeanor charge in February and agreed to pay \$1.4 billion in criminal and civil penalties as part of a settlement with the Justice Department. □

## U.S. investigates Microsoft over alleged overseas bribes

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**SEATTLE** — Federal authorities are examining Microsoft's involvement with companies and individuals that allegedly paid bribes to overseas government officials in exchange for business.

The U.S. Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange Commission have both opened preliminary investigations into the bribery allegations involving Microsoft in China, Italy and Romania, according to a person briefed on the probe, who declined to be named because the soft-

ware company considers the inquiry a confidential legal matter.

Microsoft's practices in those countries are being looked at for potential violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, a federal law that prohibits U.S. companies from making illegal payments to government officials and others overseas to further their business interests.

In a blog post Tuesday afternoon, John Frank, vice president and deputy general counsel of Microsoft, said the company couldn't comment about ongoing inquiries. Frank said it was

not uncommon for such government reviews to find that allegations were without merit.

"We take all allegations brought to our attention seriously and we cooperate fully in any government inquiries," Frank said in the blog post. "Like other large companies with operations around the world we sometimes receive allegations about potential misconduct by employees or business partners and we investigate them fully regardless of the source. We also invest heavily in proactive training, monitoring and audits to ensure our busi-

ness operations around the world meet the highest legal and ethical standards." The Wall Street Journal first reported news of the investigations on its website on Tuesday.

Michael Passman, a spokesman for the Department of Justice, said the department had a policy of not confirming or denying the existence of ongoing investigations. A spokesman for the SEC could not be reached immediately for comment.

The allegations in China were first shared with U.S. officials last year by an unnamed whistle-blower, who

had worked with Microsoft in the country, according to the person briefed on the probe.

The whistle-blower said that a Microsoft official in China directed the whistle-blower to pay bribes to government officials to win business deals, this person said. After this incident, the whistle-blower had a business conflict with Microsoft, the person added.

In 2010, Microsoft conducted an internal investigation of the allegations, with the help of an outside law firm, that found no evidence of improper behavior, this person said. □



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# Mortar explosion kills 7 US Marines while training

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HAWTHORNE, Nevada (AP)

— A mortar shell explosion killed seven U.S. Marines and injured a half dozen more during mountain warfare training in the Nevada desert, prompting the Defense Department to halt the use of the weapons worldwide until an investigation can determine their safety, officials said Tuesday.

The explosion occurred Monday night at the Hawthorne Army Depot, a facility used by troops heading overseas. The rescue of the wounded Marines was complicated by the remoteness of the site, which is favored because the harsh geography simulates conditions in Afghanistan. The mortar round exploded in its firing tube during the exercise, said Brigadier General Jim Lukeman at a news conference in North Carolina, where the Marines are based. He said investigators are trying to determine the cause of the malfunction.

The Pentagon expanded a temporary ban to prohibit the military from firing any 60mm mortar rounds until the results of the investigation. The Pentagon earlier had suspended use of all high-explosive and illumination mortar rounds that were in the same manufacturing lots as ones fired in Nevada.

It was not immediately clear whether more than a single round exploded, a Marine Corps official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the official wasn't authorized to speak about an ongoing investigation.

Eight men were taken to

a medical center with injuries, such as penetrating trauma and fractures. One of them died, five were in serious condition, one was in fair condition and another was discharged, said Renown Regional Medical Center spokesman Mark Earnest. The identities of those killed won't be released until 24 hours after their families are notified.

"We send our prayers and condolences to the families of Marines involved in this tragic incident," said the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force commander, Maj. Gen. Raymond C. Fox. "We mourn their loss, and it is with heavy hearts we remember their courage and sacrifice."

The 60mm mortar traditionally requires three to four Marines to operate, but it's common during training for others to observe nearby. The firing tube a shell some 14 inches (355 millimeters)

in length.

The mortar has changed little since World War II and remains one of the simplest weapons to operate,



Marine Brig. Gen. Jim Lukeman address the media outside the gates of Camp Lejeune, N.C., on Tuesday, March 19, 2013. Seven Marines from the base were killed in a mortar accident in Nevada Monday night.

(AP Photo/Allen Breed)

which is why it is found at the lowest level of infantry units, said Joseph Trevithick, a mortar expert with Global Security.org.

Still, a number of things could go wrong, including a fuse malfunctioning, a problem with the barrel's assembly or a round pre-

maturely detonating inside the tube, Trevithick said.

The Marine Corps official said an explosion at the point of firing in a training

exercise could kill or maim anyone inside or nearby the protective mortar pit and could concussively detonate any mortars stored nearby in a phenomenon known as "sympathetic detonation."

The official said a worldwide moratorium after such an accident is not unusual and would persist until the investigation determines that the weapon did not malfunction in ways that would hurt other Marines or that mortars manufactured at the same time as the one involved in the accident were safe.

The moratorium could last for weeks or months.

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## Assault weapons ban not part of Senate bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP)

— A proposed assault weapons ban likely won't become law in the U.S., now that the most controversial part of President Barack Obama's proposed gun safety measures won't be part of a bill the Senate plans to debate next month.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid decided that it won't be part of the gun control bill, the ban's sponsor, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, said Tuesday.

An assault-type weapon was used in the December shooting at a Connecticut school that left 28 dead and revived gun control as a top issue in Washington.

Obama proposed several gun safety measures a month later in response. He has called the day of the shooting the worst of his presidency.

By taking the assault weapons ban out of the initial package the Senate considers, Obama's fellow Democrats hope to win the strongest possible vote for the overall legislation.

Feinstein said she will be able to offer her ban on the military-style firearms as an amendment. She is all but certain to need 60 votes from the 100-member Senate to prevail, but she faces solid Republican opposition and likely defections from some mod-

erate Democrats. There are 53 Democrats in the Senate, plus two independents who usually vote with them.

"I very much regret it," Feinstein told reporters of Reid's decision. "I tried my best."

Reid said he wanted to bring a gun bill to the full Senate that would have enough support to overcome any Republican attempts to prevent debate from even starting. Many Republicans are supported by or sympathize with the National Rifle Association, the country's top gun-lobby organization.

The NRA has criticized Obama's gun safety pro-

posals and instead has said more of the "good guys" need to be armed. The group has strong support from Americans who stand by the constitutional right to bear firearms, though opponents argue that the country's founding fathers more than two centuries ago couldn't have imagined the sophistication of today's guns.

Having a separate vote on assault weapons might free moderate Democratic senators facing re-election next year in Republican-leaning states to vote against the assault weapons measure, but then support the remaining overall package of gun curbs. □

# Bombings in Iraq kill 65 a decade after invasion

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**BAGHDAD (AP)** — Insurgents sent a bloody message on the eve of the 10th anniversary of the U.S.-led invasion, carrying out a wave of bombings across the country Tuesday that killed at least 65 people in the deadliest day in Iraq this year.

The nearly 20 attacks, most of them in and around Baghdad, demonstrated in stark terms how dangerously divided Iraq remains more than a year after American troops withdrew. More than 240 people were reported wounded. It was Iraq's bloodiest day since Sept. 9, when an onslaught of bombings and shootings killed 92.

Violence has ebbed sharply since the peak of Sunni-Shiite fighting that pushed the country to the brink of civil war in 2006 and 2007. But insurgents are still able to stage high-profile attacks, while sectarian and ethnic rivalries continue to tear at the fabric of national unity.

The symbolism of Tuesday's attacks was strong, coming 10 years to the day, Washington time, that President George W. Bush announced the start of hostilities against Iraq. It

was already early March 20, 2003, in Iraq when the airstrikes began.

The military action quickly

and each other, leaving nearly 4,500 Americans and more than 100,000 Iraqis dead.



**Smoke rises after a car bomb attack in Sadr City, Baghdad, Iraq, Tuesday, March 19, 2013. A wave of apparently coordinated bombings rumbled across the Iraqi capital Tuesday morning, killing and wounding scores of people, police said.**

(AP Photo/ Karim Kadim)

ousted Saddam Hussein but led to years of bloodshed as Sunni and Shiite militants battled U.S. forces

A decade later, Iraq's long-term stability and the strength of its democracy are uncertain. While the

country is freer than it was during Saddam's murderous rule, its Shiite-led government is arguably closer to Tehran than to Washington. It faces an outpouring of anger by the Sunni minority that was dominant under Saddam and at the heart of the insurgency that followed his ouster.

"Today's attacks are new proof that the politicians and security officials are a huge failure," said Hussein Abdul-Khaliq, a resident of Baghdad's Shiite slum district of Sadr City, which was hit by three explosions that killed 10 people, including three commuters on a minibus.

The apparently coordinated attacks around the country included car bombs and explosives stuck to the underside of vehicles. They targeted government security forces and mainly Shiite areas. There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but Iraqi officials believe al-Qaida's Iraq arm is to blame. The terror group favors car bombs and coordinated bombings to undermine public confidence in the government. It has claimed it was behind two large-scale, well-coordinated attacks already this month, including an as-

sault on the Justice Ministry in downtown Baghdad last week that left 30 dead.

Sabah al-Nuaman, a spokesman for Iraq's counterterrorism services, said al-Qaida is trying to exploit political instability in the country. He also linked the violence to the civil war across the border in Syria, where largely Sunni rebels — some with ties to al-Qaida — are trying to topple President Bashar Assad.

"The terrorist groups are trying to move their operations back to Iraq. They want to make Iraq part of the regional struggle," al-Nuaman said.

The violence started around 8 a.m., when a bomb exploded outside a popular restaurant in Baghdad's Mashtal neighborhood, killing four people, according to police and hospital officials. It blew out the eatery's windows and left several cars mangled in the blood-streaked street.

The deadliest attack was a 10 a.m. car bombing near the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs in Baghdad's Qahira neighborhood. Seven people were killed.

Another car bomb exploded outside a restaurant near one of the main gates to the fortified Green Zone, which houses major government offices and the U.S. and British embassies. Six people died, including two soldiers. Thick black smoke could be seen rising from the area as ambulances raced to the scene. At one point amid the chaos, authorities shut bridges spanning the Tigris River in the capital, hoping to thwart further attacks.

Car bombings, roadside blasts, suicide attacks and other mayhem were reported in other parts of the capital as well as in Taji, Tarmiyah, Baqouba and Iskandiriya. In the northern city of Mosul, a local police commander was killed along with two bodyguards by a suicide bomber.

The U.S. and Britain, the two countries that contributed the bulk of the troops for the 2003 war effort, condemned the attacks. □

## British newspapers challenge new press rules

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**LONDON** — A day after British lawmakers agreed to ground rules for a new press code, an array of newspapers protested on Tuesday against the attempt to impose stricter curbs on this country's scoop-driven dailies following the phone hacking scandal that convulsed Rupert Murdoch's media empire and much of British public life.

In a statement, the newspaper society representing 1,100 newspapers said provisions for fines of up to \$1.5 million on errant newspapers would impose a "crippling burden" on cash-strapped publications struggling against the inroads of the Internet.

"A free press cannot be free if it is dependent on and accountable to a regulatory body recognized by the state," the president of the society, Adrian Jeakings, said.

Newspaper proprietors and editors have not so far signed on to the agreement announced on Monday and say they were excluded from late-night cross-party talks on the new code while privacy campaigners clamoring for tighter press controls took part in the deliberations. Some indicated Tuesday that they would not be rushed into responding to the proposed restrictions.

The agreement creates a system under which erring newspapers will face big fines and come up against

a tougher press regulator with new powers to investigate abuses and order prominent corrections in publications that breach standards. The deal, struck in the early hours of Monday, enshrines the powers of the regulator in a royal charter — the same document that sets out the rules and responsibilities of the BBC and the Bank of England. The idea of legislation raised alarms among those cherishing three centuries of broad peacetime freedom for Britain's newspapers. They included Prime Minister David Cameron, who said a law establishing a press watchdog would cross a Rubicon — Caesar's point of no return — toward government control, because it could be amend-

ed to be even stricter by future governments that might want to curb the press. But victims of hacking, the Labour opposition and the Liberal Democrats — the junior partners in the coalition — pointed to the failures of existing self-regulation and pressed for a "statutory underpinning" to enshrine the changes in law. In the end, all three main parties agreed early Monday to the system, which Cameron said should empower a new, independent watchdog to impose fines of up to 1 million pounds, or \$1.5 million, and oblige newspapers to print prominent corrections for errors and take other measures to protect privacy. Many details remain unclear. □



# China's leader Xi meets US treasury secretary Lew

JOE McDONALD

Associated Press

**BEIJING (AP)** — China's new leader, Xi Jinping, told the U.S. Treasury secretary he wants strong ties with Washington as the two sides resumed high-level interaction Tuesday following a months-long hiatus during the Chinese leadership transition.

Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew's agenda for the two-day visit includes North Korea's nuclear program, China's exchange rate controls and cyberspying. "I attach great importance to China's relationship with the United States," Xi told Lew during a meeting attended by diplomats and finance officials from both governments. "We stand ready to work with the U.S. side to continue to develop this China-U.S. cooperative partnership so that we will be able to open a path of cooperation between major countries."

The meeting was the first high-level U.S.-Chinese contact since then-Defense Secretary Leon Panetta's brief visit to Beijing in September.

Leaders of the world's two biggest economies have stressed their common in-



U.S. Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew, left, shakes hand with Chinese President Xi Jinping during their meeting at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing Tuesday, March 19, 2013.

(AP Photo/Andy Wong, Pool)

terests in security affairs and global economic stability even as they wrangle over complaints about China's trade surpluses, its exchange rate controls

and efforts to curb global warming. Numerous computer hacking attacks on U.S. companies have been traced to China.

Contacts were suspended

during the U.S. presidential election and China's once-a-decade leadership transition, which began with Xi being named Communist Party leader in November. He became president last week. Xi referred to Lew as a "special representative" of President Barack Obama, suggesting he might be responsible for a wider range of issues than just finance. Xi acknowledged the two sides have "some differences" but said they have "enormous shared interests" and should "handle this relationship from a strategic and long-term perspective." Lew said Washington wants to work with Beijing to reduce trade and investment barriers and to "protect the work of our innovators," a refer-

ence to complaints about rampant Chinese copying of foreign goods from Hollywood movies to software and telecoms technology. "The president is firmly committed to building a relationship of growing strength," Lew said at the meeting in the Great Hall of the People, the seat of China's ceremonial legislature in Beijing. Lew said the U.S. government looks forward to China's growth as a market for foreign goods. Chinese leaders have pledged to build a consumer-driven economy, reducing reliance on trade and investment. That might help to boost demand for imports, narrowing China's multibillion-dollar trade surplus with the United States, a chronic source of tension. □

## Boeing wins major order from Ryanair

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Associated Press

**DUBLIN (AP)** — There's finally some good news for Boeing: European discount airline Ryanair announced Tuesday it will buy 175 of the company's popular 737 jets, the largest order ever placed by a European carrier.

Chicago-based Boeing Co. has struggled ever since its new 787 Dreamliner was grounded by regulators in January following problems with its electrical system. It also was dealt a major blow Monday in the race to win the single-aisle plane market when Indonesia's Lion Air signed a deal with rival Airbus for 234 A320s. Ryanair CEO Michael O'Leary said the deal will allow his airline to expand in markets such

as Germany, Spain, Italy, Poland and Scandinavia. Neither side disclosed the purchase price for the 737-800s, but O'Leary said it did negotiate a bulk discount off the total list price of \$15.6 billion. Ryanair received a 53 percent discount on a prior 737 order. This time, O'Leary said he was paying "slightly higher" prices. "I'm paying higher prices, I'm just not allowed to say so," O'Leary said, joking that Boeing executives got him drunk on St. Patrick's Day. He said Ryanair will cease dividends and share buybacks for the next two to three years to help pay for the jets. The deal was timed to coincide with Tuesday's visit by Irish Prime Minister Enda Kenny to Washington, D.C., to meet President Barack Obama and senior American leg-

islators for St. Patrick's Day-related events. Kenny plans to visit the Seattle area, the base for Boeing manufacturing, later this week. Kenny, appearing alongside Obama, called the Boeing-Ryanair deal a contract "of extraordinary proportions" and a sign of Ryanair's stunning run of success. Ryanair already operates a fleet of 305 Boeing 737-800 aircraft, each with 189 seats, one of the tightest configurations in the industry. It is Boeing's biggest European customer for the model, which launched in 1997 and faces global competition from the Airbus A320.

Boeing's primary 737 assembly line in Renton, Wash., faces a transition to building a newer model called the 737 MAX by 2017. □

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# Pakistani girl shot by Taliban returns to school

**LONDON (AP)** — Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani teenager shot in the head by the Taliban, has returned to school for the first time since she was targeted.

The 15-year-old joined other girls at Edgbaston High School for Girls in Birmingham for her first day back at school on Tuesday, said Edelman, the public relations agency handling her media relations.

Malala was airlifted to Britain for treatment after Taliban gunman shot her on Oct. 9, while on her way home from school in northwestern Pakistan.

The militant group said it targeted her because she promoted "Western thinking" and criticized the group's behavior when it took over the scenic Swat Valley where she lived.

The shooting sparked outrage in Pakistan and many other countries, and her story has captured global attention for the struggle for women's rights in her homeland.

Malala was released in February from the hospital that was treating her for her injuries.

Doctors said she was recovering well after receiving skull reconstruction and

cochlear implant surgeries. In a statement, Malala said she was excited to return to school and that she wanted "all girls in the world to have this basic opportunity."

"I miss my classmates from Pakistan very much, but I am looking forward to meeting my teachers and making new friends here in Birmingham," she added.

The teenager is expected to remain in the U.K. for some time as her father, Ziauddin,

has secured a post with the Pakistani Consulate in the English city of Birmingham. □



**Malala Yousafzai, the Pakistani schoolgirl shot in the head by the Taliban, with her father Ziauddin, as she attends her first day of school on Tuesday, March 19, 2013. (AP Photo/ Malala PO)**

# Pakistan arrests militant wanted in Daniel Pearl killing

**SALMAN MASOOD**

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**ISLAMABAD** — Pakistani officials have arrested a senior militant accused of involvement in the 2002 murder of the American journalist Daniel Pearl.

The militant, Qari Abdul

Hayee, a leader of the Islamist militant group Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, was arrested by the paramilitary Rangers force Sunday in Karachi, the city where Pearl was held hostage and killed.

"We were after him for the

past three weeks.

We had information he was in Karachi," said a senior Rangers official, speaking by phone on the condition of anonymity. Hayee was arrested from University Road, which runs through several residential neighborhoods and educational institutes. But it was not clear where he was being held.

The Rangers official said that the militant had been handed over to the city police's Crime Investigation Department on Sunday evening.

But police sources in Karachi, also speaking on the condition of anonymity, denied that Hayee was in their custody.

It is not the first time Hayee has been reported arrested since the death of Pearl, a reporter with The Wall Street Journal who was 38 at the time of his death. The militant was arrested in 2003 in Multan, a

city in the southern part of Punjab province, in connection with the death of six Shiites.

He was later acquitted and continued to live freely in Punjab province, where Lashkar-e-Jhangvi has its strongest roots.

Pakistani officials have said that Hayee and other figures in Lashkar-e-Jhangvi were at least partly involved in Pearl's detention, though not his death.

Lashkar is Pakistan's most notorious sectarian militant outfit, and has returned to prominence this year after it claimed responsibility for two devastating bombings in the western city of Quetta that killed about 200 Shiites, mostly from the ethnic Hazara minority.

Hayee appears to have been arrested as part of a crackdown by the security forces on Lashkar following widespread criticism following the two Quetta bombings and a third at-

tack in Karachi this month, also thought to be the work of Lashkar militants.

Pakistani officials declined to share details of Hayee's arrest Sunday.

A private security consultant in Karachi speculated that Hayee may have been visiting madrassas in the Safari Park neighborhood, which is close to University Road.

Pearl was abducted in January 2002 in Karachi and beheaded the following month.

His killing sent shock waves throughout the world and shed a light on the growing nexus of al-Qaida and Pakistani militant groups. □



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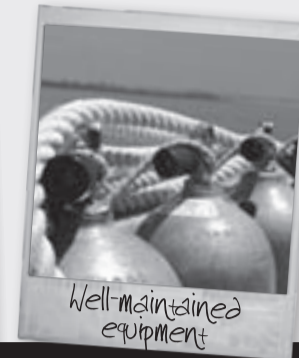
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## Power, cooling restored at Japanese nuclear plant

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Associated Press

**TOKYO (AP)** — Cooling systems were restored for four fuel storage pools at Japan's tsunami-damaged nuclear plant, more than a day after a power outage halted the supply of fresh cooling water and raised concerns about the safety of the facility, which still relies on makeshift equipment.

Tokyo Electric Power Co. said the cooling system at the last pool at the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant was repaired early Wednesday. It said pool temperatures were well within safe levels and the reactors were unaffected.

TEPCO spokesman Yoshikazu Nagai said workers were still trying to determine the cause of the cooling failure, which began when a brief power blackout hit the plant Tuesday evening. About 50 workers in hazmat suits and full-face masks were mobilized to fix the cabling to three switchboards that were suspected of involvement in the problem. TEPCO also prepared a backup system in case the repairs didn't fix the issue and "worse comes to worst," company spokesman Masayuki Ono said earlier Tuesday.

A massive earthquake and tsunami on March 11, 2011, caused extensive damage to the plant. Massive radiation leaks at that time contaminated air, water and soil around the plant, causing some 160,000 residents to evacuate.



Tokyo Electric Power Co. (TEPCO) General Manager Masayuki Ono speaks during a press conference in Tokyo, Tuesday, March 19, 2013. (AP Photo/Koji Sasahara)

The latest power outage was a test for TEPCO to show if it has learned anything from the disaster. TEPCO, which has faced repeated cover-up scandals, was slammed by local media Tuesday for waiting hours to disclose the blackout.

Ono acknowledged the plant was vulnerable. "Fukushima Dai-ichi still runs on makeshift equipment, and we are trying to switch to something more per-

manent and dependable, which is more desirable," he said. "Considering the equipment situation, we may be pushing a little too hard."

Ono said the utility did not immediately try to switch to a backup cooling sys-

The Unit 3 and 4 reactors share a makeshift switchboard that sits on the back of a truck, but an upgrade to a permanent, safer location is being planned later this month. Reactor cooling water pumps also sit on the back of a truck, with hoses traveling several kilometers (miles) to reach the reactors.

"We have a ton of problems that still need to be taken care of to overcome the challenges that we have never experienced before," Ono said. But he denied the power outage would affect the plant's long-term cleanup plans. Regulators have raised concerns about the makeshift equipment and urged

the plant to switch to a more permanent arrangement. The operator still has to remove melted, highly radioactive fuel from the reactors before fully decommissioning the plant, which officials say could take 40 years.

Chief government spokesman Yoshihide Suga sought to allay concerns. "We have put in place measures that leave no room for worry," Suga told a regular briefing.

The command center at the plant suffered a brief power outage before 7 p.m. Monday. Electricity was quickly restored there but not to equipment pumping water into the fuel pools. □

## Venezuela to auction US dollars to businesses

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)** — Venezuela's government plans to auction dollars to private businesses that sell food, medicine and other basic goods amid widespread shortages. Planning Minister Jorge Giordani said Tuesday the initiative aims to provide such sectors the dollars they need to import goods.

Products like flour, coffee and butter have disappeared from store shelves in recent months. Venezuela has maintained strict currency controls since 2003, creating a black market that now sells dollars at over triple the official rate of 6.3 bolivars. Falling oil exports and foreign investment

have helped dry up the dollar supply. The auctions launching next week will start with bidding at the official exchange rate but could sell dollars for much more. Another government-operated currency exchange system sells dollars to individuals and businesses but only at the official rate. □

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# Brazil oil company to invest \$236.7 billion

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**Associated Press**

**SAO PAULO (AP)** — Brazil's state-run oil company said Tuesday it will invest \$236.7 billion from 2013-2017, with most of the amount earmarked for exploration and production. Petrobras said in a conference call with investors and analysts Petrobras that \$147.5 billion, or 62 percent of the total, will be spent on exploration and pro-

duction is expected to rise from 2 million barrels a day in 2013 to 2.75 million barrels by the end of 2017. Petrobras said that most projects deep below the ocean floor in the so-called pre-salt formation on Brazil's continental shelf will start up between 2016 and 2017, "leading to production growth acceleration." It added that pre-salt production will account for 35

Most of the oil deposits lie more than a mile below the ocean's surface and under an additional 2.5 miles of earth and salt. Experts have estimated the area could hold as much as 55 billion barrels. On Monday, the Supreme Court temporarily suspended the enactment of a new law that cuts royalties to producing states and threatens Rio de Janeiro's ability to host the 2016

try's top oil producers, Rio de Janeiro, Espirito Santo and Sao Paulo states, last week filed appeals against the law with the Supreme Court, claiming it was unconstitutional because it breaches existing production contracts. The law that went into effect on Friday gives a greater share of royalty revenues from Brazil's vast oil fields to non-producing states.



An oil worker looks at a Petrobras offshore ship platform over Tupi field in Santos Bay off the coast of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Brazil's state-run oil company said on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 it will invest \$236.7 billion between 2013 and 2017, with most of this amount earmarked for exploration and production.

(AP Photo/Felipe Dana)

duction over the next five years. Petrobras said \$64.8 billion will be spent on refining, while \$9.9 billion will go for natural gas and energy projects.

percent of total output in 2017. Brazil has discovered billions of barrels of oil in offshore fields over the past few years, mostly in deep, pre-salt fields off its southeastern coast.

Olympics. The full court is expected to take up the matter next month. Supreme Court Justice Carmen Lucia suspended the law after the coun-

generated revenues. The Espirito Santo governor, Renato Casagrande, has said his state stands to lose more than 10 billion reals (\$5 billion) over the next seven years. □

# Dominican Republic releases detained gold shipment

**SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP)** —

Customs authorities in the Dominican Republic have released a Canadian joint venture's detained gold shipment amid an ongoing dispute over how much the company should pay the government to operate one of the world's largest gold mines. Barrick Gold Corp. said in a statement Monday that the gold and silver from the Pueblo Viejo mine, which had been held five days by

customs, was released and shipped out of the country. The announcement came hours after officials had warned that the shipment valued at nearly \$12 million could be detained longer because the source of the gold and silver had been incorrectly labeled as the United States instead of the Dominican Republic. Earlier, the director of the customs agency said the shipment was held because the company would not allow agents to break

the seals and inspect it. Customs officials are still considering potential penalties against the company despite the release of the shipment, spokesman Abinader Fortunato said Tuesday. The government has been attempting to persuade Barrick to renegotiate the Pueblo Viejo royalty contract. The Pueblo Viejo venture is 60 percent owned by the Barrick Gold Corp. of Toronto and 40 percent by Goldcorp Inc.

of Vancouver. The companies last year reopened the mine after investing nearly \$4 billion, the largest direct foreign investment ever in the Dominican Republic. Under the contract, Barrick Pueblo Viejo has estimated it will pay about \$7 billion over the estimated 25-year life of the mine to the government. President Danilo Medina and the congress have said the company should return a greater share of its profits to the country. □

# 2 detained in tourist attack in Barbados

**BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (AP)** —

Two suspects have been detained in a weekend shooting attack on a British couple who were wounded and robbed by gunmen as they visited Barbados on a cruise ship, police said Tuesday.

Inspector David Welch of the Royal Barbados Police Force said the two suspects were being interviewed on Tuesday. The suspects, one man in his 20s and another in his 30s, have not been charged with anything.

"We believe we will be very successful in investigating this crime," Welch said during a phone interview. The British couple were shot and wounded in broad daylight during a Sunday port call to Barbados. They were on an 85-day world trip on the British P&O Cruises' Adonia ship, according to company spokeswoman Jennifer Humm.

Welch identified the wounded tourists as Philip and Ann Prior. The married couple is from a British village in Suffolk. It was not clear if they struggled with their attackers.

The woman was shot in her right thigh and was released Monday. The man was shot on the left side of his pelvis and is expected to be released from a hospital Tuesday, according to Welch.

"He's in very good spirits," Welch said.

In Barbados, a country known as "Little England" for its cultural connections to its former colonial ruler, crime rates are relatively low and usually involve petty theft. But there have been cases of armed robberies and sexual assaults against tourists. The Barbados Tourism Authority did not immediately respond to emails seeking comment about the Sunday shooting. But Welch said tourism-dependent Barbados is "still a very safe and secure place." □



Aruba Tourism Authority says "Masha Danki"

## Paul Wallace honored at the Caribbean Store at Palm Beach!



**PALM BEACH** - Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a very nice gentleman who is a loyal and friendly visitor of Aruba, as a Distinguished Visitor, at the Caribbean Store at Palm Beach in Noord. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10-to-19 consecutive years. The honoree was Mr. Paul Wallace from New Haven, CA. Paul is a very good friend of many Aruban citizens and that is one of the main reasons he has been visiting Aruba for 15 consecutive years. Most of his Aruban friends he met at the Caribbean Store, friends like owners Denny and Perucho, Betto, Niko, Castro and many others. Paul also loves the weather, beaches, restaurants and the relaxation and great accommodations that the island has to offer-and most of all, our local Balashi Beer! The certificate was presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with a group of friends who came over to celebrate Paul's Distinguished Visitor honoring ceremony: congratulations! □

## Energy Training Program: Connecting Young and Old!

**PIEDRA PLAT** - An event was organized in the sports hall of Piedra Plat recently with a group of 25 children of elementary school "De Schakel" and with 25 seniors from the Energy Training program at "Club Kibrahacha". The groups were united in a human energy circle, to connect with and learn from each other. This event was organized in coopera-

tion with Aruba DOET, a national volunteer program that is yearly organized by the Oranjefonds from the Dutch Kingdom. The participants had a real good time during the morning program and they were able to exchange their joy and energy with each other. At the same time they learned how to cooperate and rely on each other,



which is very educational for the children and very comforting for the seniors. They connected, moved

and helped each other. It is an educational and relaxing program of connecting and exchanging human

energies, for the wellbeing of the entire community. Because of the huge success this event will be repeated. All teachers from elementary schools in Aruba that are teaching 5th and 6th graders and that wish to participate in a similar event, are invited to contact the NGO Ster via email to [steraruba@hotmail.com](mailto:steraruba@hotmail.com) or by visiting [www.steraruba.com](http://www.steraruba.com). □

# Lobster Lovers Agree: "Our Hats Off to the Blue Lobster!"

**NOORD** - We were directed to Palm Beach in Aruba for some new restaurants which have become part of the already excellent food variety on the island, and Palm Beach was chosen by several local entrepreneurs to establish themselves. The Blue Lobster, a small cozy, romantic restaurant owned by one of those entrepreneurs Mr. German Castano and his son in law, The International Michelin experienced Chef Sandro,

exquisite seasoning and a SUPERB food presentation, makes of this small restaurant one of the BIGGEST in value for money available on the island. What a surprise when we got there and were welcomed by the owner, who made us feel at home right away, while guiding us to the table, he did thank us for being there and really treated us as if we were the only clients at his restaurant while the place was full on that night.

food atmosphere as you walk in. Friendly professional and well groomed staff awaits and presto brings you what in our opinion is one of the most extensive and well-planned menus. Get ready to sip your great wine or a refreshing "BLUE MOJITO" while scrolling through this ocean of wonderful choices. LOBSTER LOVERS will have a ball at the Blue Lobster. Around 25 dishes are available, followed by a great variety of FRESH CATCH OF THE DAY, and a big array of seafood platters. MEAT is available at its best; same you enjoy a 15 Oz Porter house, or a 16 Oz T-bone steak. As well as a fillet Mignon and Sirloin steak which are making part of this extensive menu... something for everyone. We were pleasantly surprised to see that all of the main dishes were superbly presented, excellent portions and the prices did not surpassed the 40 bucks... Not even the succulent lobster tails which we see passing by almost to every table while we were there.

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# Freshly renovate Tirakochi Playground is officially open!



**SAVANETA** - After several weeks of hard work by members of the Rotary Club of Aruba and Rotaract Club and other volunteers, the Tirakochi Playground in Savaneta has been completely cleaned up, fixed up & painted. Earlier this month, Tirakochi, which was closed for more than 2 years, was proudly handed back to Prom Paso Kleuterschool, with a ribbon cutting and singing celebration that was organized by the teachers and pupils to thank Rotary and all volunteers for their work on this project. □

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## Anniversary celebration at AIG Aruba Insurance Company!

**ORANJESTAD** - AIG Aruba Insurance recently celebrated 10 years of Ms. Elsely Rincones in its Company. Elsely completed her HAVO from Colegio Arubano and worked in an insurance broker's office for a while before joining AIG (then known as American Home Assurance Company) in Personal Lines Division. Elsely showed her willing-

ness to learn and improve her insurance knowledge and procedures. She has undergone various training courses that include 'Customer Service & Handling Complaints', 'Traffic Accident Handling course' and a special 'Auto Estimation' course provided by AIG corporate office. Besides she has done a number of other courses and seminars

mandated internally within our Company.

Elsely's sociable and hard-working qualities earned her respect and affection of her colleagues. She supervises Personal Lines Division in the absence of her manager and has helped out often in managing claims section of the Company. Elsely is a loving mother of a boy and a girl - Joelly and Nathan. Her special interests include decorating our office with seasonal themes and organizing parties.

The attached photos show Elsely receiving her well-earned recognition at the hands of Prakash Gupta, Managing Director of AIG and Grace Tjin, Personal Lines Manager. Both requested Elsely to carry on her good work and find



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The Netherlands' Diegomar Markwell (36) walks off the mound after being relieved during the fifth inning of a semifinal game of the World Baseball Classic against the Dominican Republic in San Francisco, Monday, March 18, 2013.

Associated Press

## Dominicans reach WBC final, beat Netherlands

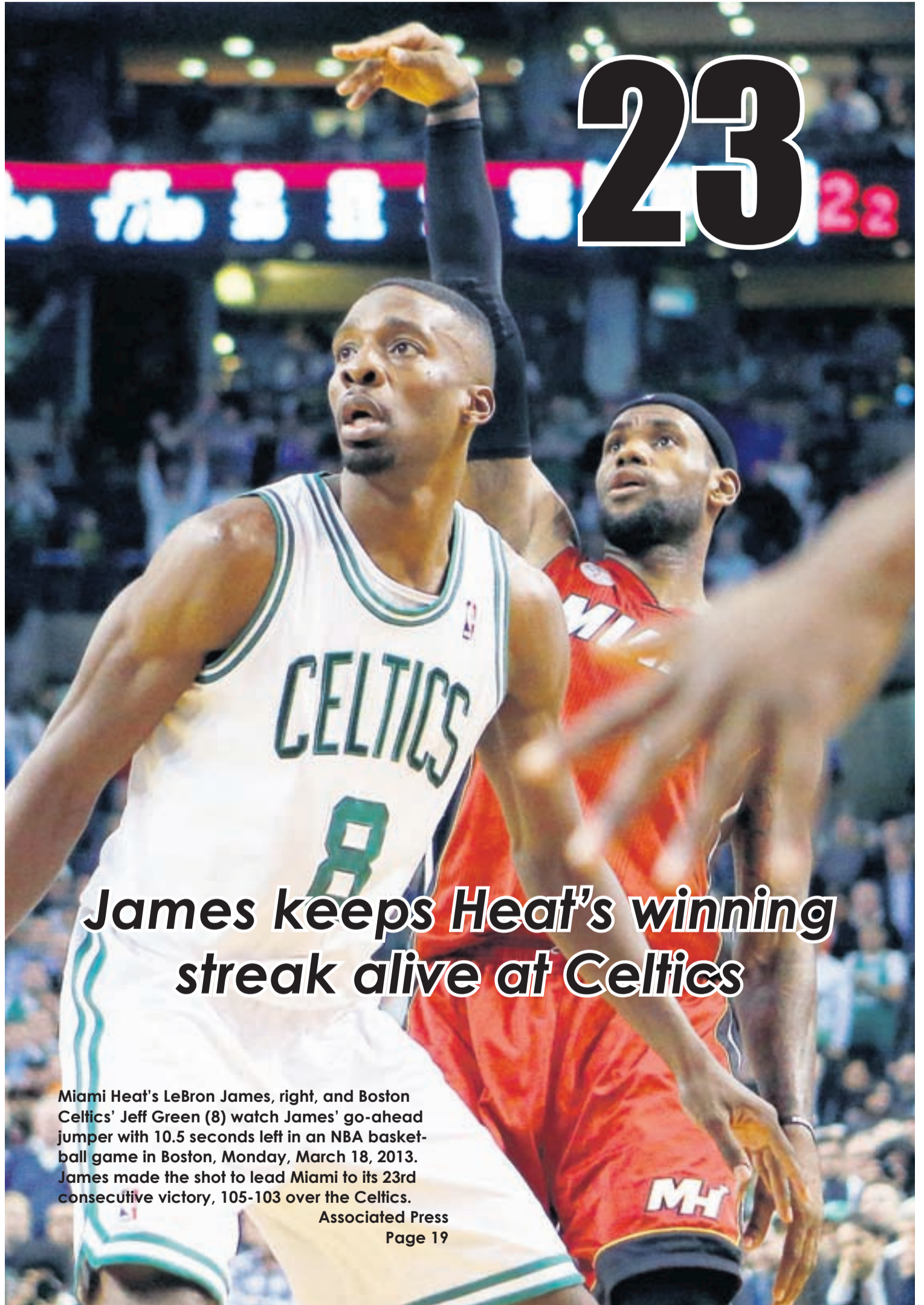
JANIE McCAULEY  
AP Baseball Writer

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — After two World Baseball Classics dominated by Japan, this one is coming down to a pair of Caribbean nations.

When the undefeated Dominican Republic plays Puerto Rico on Tuesday night in a rematch only three days after they last met in Miami, two island countries with years of baseball success will give the world a version of a Caribbean championship. "Whoever wins the Classic ... It could be Puerto Rico or the Dominican Republic, but it will belong to the Caribbeans," Dominican manager Tony Pena said after his team's 4-1 win against the Netherlands on Monday.

Tuesday's winner will earn the distinction of world champion for the first time in the three-event history of the WBC.

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## James keeps Heat's winning streak alive at Celtics

Miami Heat's LeBron James, right, and Boston Celtics' Jeff Green (8) watch James' go-ahead jumper with 10.5 seconds left in an NBA basketball game in Boston, Monday, March 18, 2013. James made the shot to lead Miami to its 23rd consecutive victory, 105-103 over the Celtics.

Associated Press

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## WBC final

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Fernando Rodney surprised his teammates in the middle of the game when he pulled out a lucky plantain, sent from a family member back home in the Dominican just in time for Monday's semifinal. The quirky Tampa Bay closer certainly found it to be the perfect motivational prop.

Late lineup addition Moises Sierra hit a tying RBI double in the fifth and Jose Reyes added a go-ahead single two batters later as the spirited Dominicans reached the final and avenged an early exit at the hands of the Dutch in the last Classic four years ago.

The banana will be around for another day.

"Keep it, why not?" winning pitcher Edinson Volquez said. "It's like we have this one mission as a team, winning and winning."

Edwin Encarnacion had an

RBI single as the undefeated Dominicans survived a rocky start from Volquez, who benefited from Sierra's catch over the left-field wall in foul territory to end a first-inning threat.

The Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico will play for a third time this tournament after the Dominicans won Saturday in Miami before the teams flew West.

Puerto Rico eliminated two-time defending Classic champion Japan 3-1 on Sunday night.

Rodney finished Monday's game for his sixth save as dozens of seagulls swirled right above the field.

Players rushed out of the dugout as fans chanted "Dominicana! Dominicana!"

This time, the Dominicans didn't let the Netherlands interfere with their road to the WBC championship.

They were still fuming four years after the Netherlands beat them twice in the 2009 WBC's first round for a stunning early exit.

"We kept it in the past,"



The Dominican Republic's Fernando Rodney (56) celebrates after the last out during the ninth inning of a semifinal game of the World Baseball Classic against the Netherlands in San Francisco, Monday, March 18, 2013. The Dominican Republic won 4-1.

Associated Press

Volquez said. "We're just focused on our game."

And Pena certainly didn't mind Rodney's spontaneous dugout contribution.

Former Oakland and San Francisco shortstop Miguel Tejada earned a start at third base and singled twice and scored a run. He drew cheers from the Bay Area fans during pregame

introductions.

Andruw Jones hit a two-out single in the fourth for the first Dutch hit against Volquez, who yielded Vladimir Balentien's first-inning RBI groundout before settling in to earn the win.

Carlos Santana hit a one-out double in the fifth and Sierra followed with an RBI double as the Dominicans

tied the game at 1 and later chased Netherlands starter Diegomar Markwell. The Dutch lefthander, who came in at a 2-0 with a 0.90 ERA in his two previous WBC outings, didn't allow a runner past first base through four innings. But his pitch count quickly went up in a four-run fifth as the Dominicans tagged him for five hits, so that was it considering the WBC pitch limit is 95.

Tom Stuijbergen replaced Markwell with two outs in the fifth and threw a wild pitch on his first offering to Robinson Cano, allowing Reyes to score from third for an insurance run.

Cano — batting 15 for 29 (.517) this tournament with two home runs, six RBIs, five runs scored and two doubles — went 1 for 2 with two intentional walks.

The second baseman and Yankees star made a pretty stop on Roger Bernadina's sharp grounder in the sixth in which he lunged left then spun and threw to first. □

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# Heat beat Celtics for 23d consecutive win

The Associated Press  
 BOSTON (AP) — LeBron James made the go-ahead jumper with 10.5 seconds left against the Boston Celtics to lead Miami to its 23rd consecutive victory, the second-longest winning streak in NBA history.

**NBA Capsules** The 105-103 win Monday night allowed the Heat to surpass the 22 straight that Houston won in 2007-08. The Heat streak now trails only the 33 in a row won by the 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers.

James scored 37 with 12 assists as the Heat won in Boston in the regular season for the first time in 11 tries despite a career-high 43 points from Jeff Green. The Celtics were without Kevin Garnett, who has the flu and a left thigh strain. Paul Pierce had 17 points, eight rebounds and eight assists for the Celtics. But he missed a 3-pointer with 3 seconds left that could have given Boston the win. 76ERS 101, TRAIL BLAZERS 100

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Spencer Hawes had 18 points and 13 rebounds as Philadelphia held off Portland.

The Sixers wasted a 14-point lead and Portland took the lead late in the fourth. Holiday, though, rallied the Sixers and stretched the lead to 101-97 on a pair of free throws.

Damian Lillard hit a 3-pointer to cut it to 101-100. Holiday fell on the inbound pass and the ball sailed into the Sixers' bench, giving Portland the ball with 7.1 seconds left. LaMarcus Aldridge missed the potential winner on a turnaround over Hawes.

Aldridge had 32 points and 14 rebounds, and Lillard scored 27 points.

NUGGETS 119, BULLS 118, OT

CHICAGO (AP) — Andre Iguodala's 3-pointer with 7.1 seconds left in overtime sent Denver to its 12th consecutive win.

Wilson Chandler led the Nuggets with 35 points, Corey Brewer added 16 and Ty Lawson 13.

Iguodala finished with 12 points and 10 rebounds, and Andre Miller had 13 assists.

Nate Robinson scored 34 points for Chicago, which lost for the seventh time in 11 games. Luol Deng added 21 points, Marco Belinelli scored 18, and Joakim Noah had 12 rebounds and 14 points.

It was the 12th time in the last 13 games that Denver scored at least 100 points, and marked the first time in seven games that an opponent has scored at least 100 on the Nuggets.

SUNS 99, LAKERS 76  
 PHOENIX (AP) — Luis Scola scored all 14 of his points in the fourth quarter as Phoenix pulled away to beat Los Angeles, which was without Kobe Bryant for the second straight night.

Steve Nash scored 19 against his former team, but was just 6 of 17 as the Lakers shot 33 percent for the game.

The Suns outscored the Lakers 28-10 in the fourth quarter to snap a four-game losing streak.

Dwight Howard had 16 points and 11 rebounds, but was just 6 of 18 from the field for the Lakers, still without injured Pau Gasol. Wesley Johnson added 14 points for the Suns, who beat the Lakers in Phoenix for the fourth time in a row.

KNICKS 90, JAZZ 83

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — J.R. Smith scored 20 points and Raymond Felton had 19 as short-handed New York defeated Utah to end a four-game losing streak.

The Knicks (39-26) dropped games at Golden State, Denver, Portland and the Los Angeles Clippers by an average margin of 20 points, but salvaged the last game of their trip and stayed a game ahead of the Nets in the Atlantic Division.

New York was without leading scorer Carmelo Anthony, who practiced earlier Monday and indicated his right knee feels better since he had fluid drained. New York also remained without center Tyson Chandler, bothered

by a strained neck muscle, and forward Amare Stoudemire, who recently underwent knee surgery.

Gordon Hayward led Utah with 17 points, Paul Millsap had 12 and Al Jefferson 10, but the Jazz shot 38 percent.

**In other NBA games it was Indiana 111, Cleveland 90; Charlotte 119, Washington 114; Philadelphia 101, Portland 100; Dallas 127, Atlanta 113; Brooklyn 119, Detroit 82; Denver 119, Chicago 118, OT; Memphis 92, Minnesota 77; Golden State 93, New Orleans 72; Miami 105, Boston 103; Phoenix 99, L.A. Lakers 76; and New York 90, Utah 83.** □



Miami Heat's LeBron James (6) drives past Boston Celtics' Jeff Green (8) in the third quarter of an NBA basketball game in Boston, Monday, March 18, 2013. The Heat won 105-103.

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# Goodell: No expanded playoffs for 2013

**BARRY WILNER**

**AP Pro Football Writer**

**PHOENIX (AP)** — The Baltimore Ravens' reward for winning the Super Bowl might be a road trip.

Traditionally, the NFL champions kick off the next season by hosting a Thursday night game. Baltimore earned that privilege with its 34-31 victory over San Francisco last month.

Problem is, the neighboring Orioles are scheduled for a Major League Baseball night game on Sept. 5, when the NFL would open its schedule in Baltimore. Camden Yards shares parking lots with the Ravens' home stadium.

Unless the Ravens and the NFL can get the Orioles to move the game to the afternoon or to another day — without violating any Major League Baseball rules — Joe Flacco & Co. could open on the road.

That's not something Roger Goodell wants to see. The NFL commissioner twice has spoken with his MLB counterpart, Bud Selig, seeking a solution.

"Unfortunately, the only (other) option is to take the Ravens on the road," Goodell said. "We think that is wrong for the Ravens' fans. We would not want that to happen."



**NFL football commissioner Roger Goodell takes questions during a news conference at the Arizona Biltmore, Monday, March 18, 2013, in Phoenix.** Associated Press

"We are working on parallel tracks for a couple more weeks. Clearly, we are getting to a point where we have to make that decision." Goodell also said the playoffs will not expand this season, but it will be discussed for the future. Last December, Goodell spoke about adding two or four teams to the current 12-team format.

"The competition committee looked at some of the issues," said Goodell, who added that the league needs to discuss expanded playoffs with the players' union, too.

"Now, we have a little bit of work to do before we can advance it. It clearly won't be happening for this year if there was any

doubt about that." Surrounded by six Pro Football Hall of Famers at a news conference, Goodell and Jim Brown announced that the league will pay \$42 million as part of a settlement with a group of retired players who sued over the use of their names and images without their consent. "We have a common good fund in our agreement that will allow us to reach out and help a lot of our players who really need help," Brown said, "and not only that, but to help their spouses who some are suffering. We have individuals who are homeless."

"Today is like a coming back together because we can publicly say that we are doing something together that is going to be a landmark happening for people who truly need it." Carolina Panthers owner Jerry Richardson, a former NFL receiver, said the agreement was "better late than never."

"Some of my most frustrating moments in discussions have evolved around this issue of what in my judgment is fairness to the former players of the league who were not included in the benefit packages and (not) appreciated the way they should," Richardson said. "It is a new day. I am honored that this day has arrived. I am very grateful it is here."

Moments later, Goodell came down hard on teams that consider asking questions about a player's sexual orientation at the scouting combine.

Michigan quarterback-turned-receiver Denard Robinson, Colorado tight end Nick Kasa and Michigan State running back Le'Veon Bell indicated they were asked about it last month in Indianapolis.

"We have been following up with the players and their representatives directly," Goodell said. "We are also this afternoon working with all of our executives that lead in that position to make sure they understand what you can't ask and what you can ask. We're a professional organization. That's unacceptable. We will do things the right way. We will give them that education and that training. I hope that that will solve the problem." Goodell also dismissed the notion that problems caused by the third-quarter blackout during the Super Bowl will damage New Orleans' chances of hosting the game again. The league believes New Orleans authorities discovered the source of the problem that caused a 32-minute delay. "They did a great job," Goodell said. "I mentioned that this morning to our membership and I think they deserve another Super Bowl."

Goodell also: —Said there will be no change to the \$36 million salary cap reduction the Washington Redskins were hit with in 2012; \$18 million last year and \$18 this year. Redskins general manager Bruce Allen recently described the penalty as "a travesty of fairness."

—Admitted there was improved effort in the players' performance at the Pro Bowl and there will be further discussions here on its future.

—Reiterated the league's desire to place a franchise in Los Angeles. He even thought Philip Anschutz's decision not to sell AEG, which has interest in building a stadium downtown, is "very positive."

"We want to get back to Los Angeles, but we are going to look at every alternative we have to do that successfully," he said. □



**In this June 8, 2012 file photo, United States defender Carlos Bocanegra (3) is shown during a FIFA World Cup qualifying game against Antigua and Barbuda in Tampa, Fla.** Associated Press

## Bocanegra dropped from U.S. roster for qualifiers

**RONALD BLUM**  
**AP Sports Writer**

**The United States heads** into World Cup qualifiers against Costa Rica and Mexico with an injury-depleted and inexperienced defense after dropping captain Carlos Bocanegra. Already without goalkeeper Tim Howard, the shaky U.S. back line got even weaker Monday when coach Jurgen Klinsmann said Timmy Chandler, Fabian Johnson and Danny Williams will miss the matches. The 33-year-old Bocanegra has lost his starting job with Racing Santander, a Spanish second-division team on its fourth coach of the season. Bocanegra, on loan from Glasgow Rangers, and has not appeared in a game since Feb. 2.

Klinsmann said he's had several conversations with Bocanegra, who has been U.S. captain since 2007, and expects him to switch clubs at the end of the season. "He's simply not playing. He's not getting any minutes ... so he has no flow. He has no rhythm, and he understands that situation," Klinsmann said. "Carlos is still in our picture. This is not the end of his national-team career, but he understands that he is right now behind other players."

With Bocanegra dropped after 110 international appearances and Howard recovering after breaking two bones in his back on Feb. 26, Michael Bradley and Jermaine Jones become the leading candidates to take over as captain. □

## Usain Bolt to run 100m in Rome on June 6

**ROME (AP)** — World record-holder Usain Bolt will run the 100 meters at Rome's Golden Gala on June 6.

It will be the third consecutive year the six-time Olympic champion from Jamaica will run at the Stadio Olimpico. Local organizers announced on Tuesday. Rome is the opening European meet in the Diamond League.

Bolt has also committed to run the 200 at the Bislett Games in Oslo, Norway, on June 13; the 4x100 relay at the Golden Spike in the Czech city of Ostrava on June 27, and the 200 again at the Areva Meeting in Paris on July 6, as part of his preparations for the world championships in Moscow

from Aug. 10-18.

Bolt won gold medals in the 100, 200 and 4x100 relay at last year's London Olympics and is aiming to repeat the triple feat in Moscow.

Bolt won the 100 in Rome the past two years, clocking 9.91 seconds in 2011 and 9.76 last season. On both occasions, former world record-holder Asafa Powell was runner-up and Christophe Lemaitre of France was third.

Rome organizers have not yet announced who will be running against Bolt this time.

Bolt's most recent 100 record of 9.58 was set at the 2009 worlds in Berlin. □

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# Emery helps Blackhawks to 5-2 win over Avs

**The Associated Press**

**DENVER (AP)** — Ray Emery stopped 17 shots to remain unbeaten this season, while Patrick Kane had a goal and two assists as Chicago held off Colorado 5-2 on Monday night in the first meeting since the Avalanche halted the Blackhawks' record points streak.

**NHL Capsules**

Jimmy Hayes and Andrew Shaw scored 57 seconds apart in the first period, Brent Seabrook contributed another and Jonathan Toews added a late insurance goal for the surging Blackhawks, who have won three straight to move to 3-2-0 after their NHL-record 21-0-3 start to the season was ended in the Mile High City on March 8.

Emery, the backup to Corey Crawford, extended his league record with his 11th consecutive victory to start the season.

Gabriel Landeskog and Milan Hejduk scored for slumping Colorado, which has lost a season-high four in a row.

Toews finished with a score and two assists.

**DUCKS 5, SHARKS 3**

**ANAHEIM, California (AP)** — Emerson Etem scored his first NHL goal and defenseman Francois Beauchemin scored twice as Anaheim beat San Jose for its 12th consecutive home victory. Viktor Fasth made 32 saves for the streaking Ducks, who have the NHL's second-best record at 21-3-4 while earning a point in 11 straight games.

Ryan Getzlaf had a short-handed goal and an assist, while Peter Holland and Etem scored 34 seconds apart in the second to keep the Ducks unbeaten at Honda Center since their opener Jan. 25.

Jason Demers scored his



**Colorado Avalanche right wing Chuck Kobasew (12) and Chicago Blackhawks defenseman Nick Leddy (8) chase a puck into the corner during the third period of an NHL hockey game, Monday, March 18, 2013, in Denver. Chicago won 5-2.**

Associated Press

New York ended a three-game losing streak with a victory over Carolina.

Rick Nash scored in the opening round of the tie-breaker and Henrik Lundqvist stopped both Carolina tries for the Rangers (14-12-2), who moved into ninth place in the Eastern Conference — two points behind Carolina (15-11-2), which lost its third straight (0-2-1).

Eric Staal scored in the first period, and Derek Stepan tied it in the second for the Rangers. The rest of the game belonged to the goalies: Lundqvist, who made 29 saves, and Carolina counterpart Ellis, who stopped 35 shots in his third start since No. 1 goalie Cam Ward was injured March 3. □

first NHL goal and Antti Niemi stopped 23 shots for the Sharks, who have lost six of seven. Matt Irwin and Patrick Marleau also scored after Anaheim took a 4-1 lead.

**WILD 3, CANUCKS 1**

**VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP)** — Charlie Coyle scored the tiebreaking goal in the third period, Niklas Backstrom made 35 saves and Minnesota took sole possession of the Northwest Division lead with a win over Vancouver. Jonas Brodin and Matt Cullen also scored for the Wild, who moved two points ahead of Vancouver for the division lead with their eighth win in 11 games. Henrik Sedin scored as the Canucks suffered their second straight loss and 11th in 16 games.

Vancouver goaltender Roberto Luongo made his fourth straight start despite being in net for Vancouver's 5-2 loss to the Detroit Red Wings on Saturday. Luongo finished with 22

saves.

**KINGS 4, COYOTES 0**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Jonathan Quick earned his first shutout of the season with 27 saves and Tyler Toffoli scored his first NHL goal on a power play in only his second game with Los Angeles, helping the Kings beat Phoenix.

Rookie defenseman Jake Muzzin also scored with the man advantage, while Anze Kopitar and Jeff Carter each had a goal and an assist for the defending Stanley Cup champions.

Quick's 25th career shutout gave the Kings their 11th victory in 15 games and their 10th in the last 11 at Staples Center. The Conn Smythe Trophy winner, who set a franchise record with 10 shutouts last season, is seven behind Rogie Vachon's club record.

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By: **Dr Carlos Viana**

# Eating Your Pots and Pans

Certain metals are essential for human health like iron, zinc, copper, manganese, chromium, molybdenum, selenium, calcium and sodium. Of course, we need these only in trace, or very small amounts. These metals are found naturally in the earth where plants and animals absorb them and then pass them to us as food. Other metals known as heavy or toxic metals are elements that cannot be metabolized by the body and include: mercury, nickel, lead, arsenic, cadmium, aluminum, platinum, and copper (the metallic form found in copper pipes, versus the ionic form required by the body). Exposure to heavy metals has been linked with developmental retardation, various cancers, kidney damage, and even death in cases of very high of exposure. The fact is that we are all being exposed to and absorbing harmful substances to some degree every day. Aluminum powder is found in kitchen pots, toothpaste and underarm deodorant and processed foods. Mercury from amalgam (silver) fillings breaks down and leaks a toxic gas into our brains. And, these are just a few examples. We may


not be able to control all the toxic metals we are exposed to, but we can control some. Most people are shocked to find out that metal and chemicals from your kitchen pots and pans can leach into your food, especially under high cooking temperatures. Even a small amount of metal or chemical can affect the taste of your food, not to mention, your health. Want a check for yourself? Put a half a glass of clean water into one of your pots and scrub the bottom with a brand new plastic scouring pad. Scrub for thirty seconds, and then pour the water into the glass. What do you see? Would you drink that water? If the water is cloudy or if the water tastes metallic, you should consider changing your cookware. Acidic and alkaline foods will increase the leaching of metals from your pots into your food. Generally, vinegar and fruits are the most acidic foods and include lemon juice, apples, blueberries, cherries, grapes, grapefruit, peaches, pears, pineapple, plums, and raspberries. The more acidic vegetables include: pimentos, tomatoes, or anything processed with vinegar or acid liquid, such as artichokes or beets from a jar or can. Alkaline or basic foods include eggs, garlic, onion, potatoes, avocados, bananas, spinach, broccoli, carrots, peas, and my favorite, unsweetened chocolate. The body has a much higher tolerance for acid

foods than basic foods. That is because acidic foods tend to push the body to a healthier more alkaline position. Inexpensive and excellent at transferring heat quickly to food, aluminum has been used for kitchenware for a long time. Aluminum is fairly soft and will release more molecules into the food than harder metals used in other cookware. Alkaline foods will increase the amount of aluminum that leaches into the food. Aluminum cookware is definitely linked to an increasing chance of early onset Alzheimer's disease. Medical research has shown that approximately 20% of the daily intake of aluminum has been proven to come from cooking utensils (pans, pots, kettles, and trays) made of aluminum. In 1961, "The Happy Pan", the first US-made Teflon coated frying pan was introduced and became popular because Teflon is used as a non-stick coating. However, while Teflon is stable and nontoxic, it begins to deteriorate after the temperature of cookware reaches about 260 °C; 500 °F, and decomposes above 350 °C; 662 °F. Meat is usually fried between 400 and 450 °F (204 and 232 °C), and most oils will start to smoke, meaning they are turning rancid before a temperature of 500 °F, 260 °C is reached. Empty cookware can easily exceed this temperature upon heating. Overheating of Teflon generates highly

toxic fumes and poses a serious health hazard to the human respiratory tract. Heated to its smoking point Teflon fumes are ten times as toxic as phosgene gas, a chemical weapon used in both World Wars. In May, 2003, the environmental research and advocacy organization, Environmental Working Group, filed a brief with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission petitioning for a rule requiring that cookware and heated appliances bearing non-stick coatings carry a label warning of health hazards to people and to birds. Cast iron cookware can leach dietary iron into food which is actually a good thing. People with anemia may benefit from the added iron in the food. However, Cast iron is very heavy, rusts if not handled correctly and not practical for all types of cooking. Stainless steel is the better choice for cookware, but even good stainless, after it has been used and scoured with steel wool pad, or dinged and pitted through years of use, leaches some metals into your food. Stainless steel is actually a mixture of several metals, including chromium, molybdenum and nickel, all of which can trickle into foods. Chromium and molybdenum are needed by the body in very small amounts, but nickel, is a toxic metal known as a carcinogen or cancer causing. We test patients for toxins contributing to health prob-

lems using hair. Hair growing out of the body brings its message of what the environment was like inside. Diagnosing a hair element test result, I can usually tell you what kind of pots and pans you are using in your kitchen. Nickel and aluminum are heavy metals we see often in hair toxicity test results. Other metals we test for include lead, tin, arsenic and mercury. The Center for Disease Control acknowledges the value of hair mercury levels as a marker for exposure to neurotoxic methylmercury from fish in mothers and children. We see mercury in all ages also from exposure to dental amalgams, even in children who never had silver fillings, but their parents did. Get The Point! We may not be able to control everything in our environment, but we can control our food choices, our lifestyle and do our part in keeping our body's environment clean and healthy. If you want to know what toxins are being absorbed into your body and how to detox naturally and safely, visit, call or email so we can arrange a hair analysis test and personal health program for you. Meanwhile, if you want to stop eating your pots and pans, we are proud to be offering the healthiest option in cookware made with titanium as a new addition to our clinic services and health products. Call us for information and a free demonstration. □

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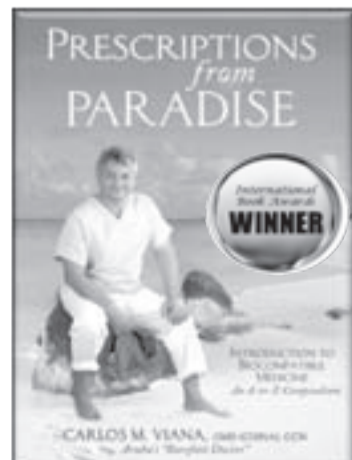


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# Cyberwar manual lays down rules for online attacks

**RAPHAEL SATTER**

**Associated Press**

**LONDON (AP)** — Even cyberwar has rules, and one group of experts is putting out a manual to prove it. Their handbook, due to be published later this week, applies the practice of international law to the world of electronic warfare in an effort to show how hospitals, civilians and neutral nations can be protected in an information-age fight. "Everyone was seeing the Internet as the 'Wild, Wild West,'" U.S. Naval War College Professor Michael Schmitt, the manual's editor, said in an interview before its official release. "What they had forgotten is that international law applies to cyberweapons like it applies to any other weapons." The Tallinn Manual — named for the Estonian capital where it was compiled — was created at the behest of the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defense Center of Excellence, a NATO think tank. It takes existing rules on battlefield behavior, such as the 1868 St. Petersburg Declaration and the 1949 Geneva Convention, to the Internet, occasionally

in unexpected ways.

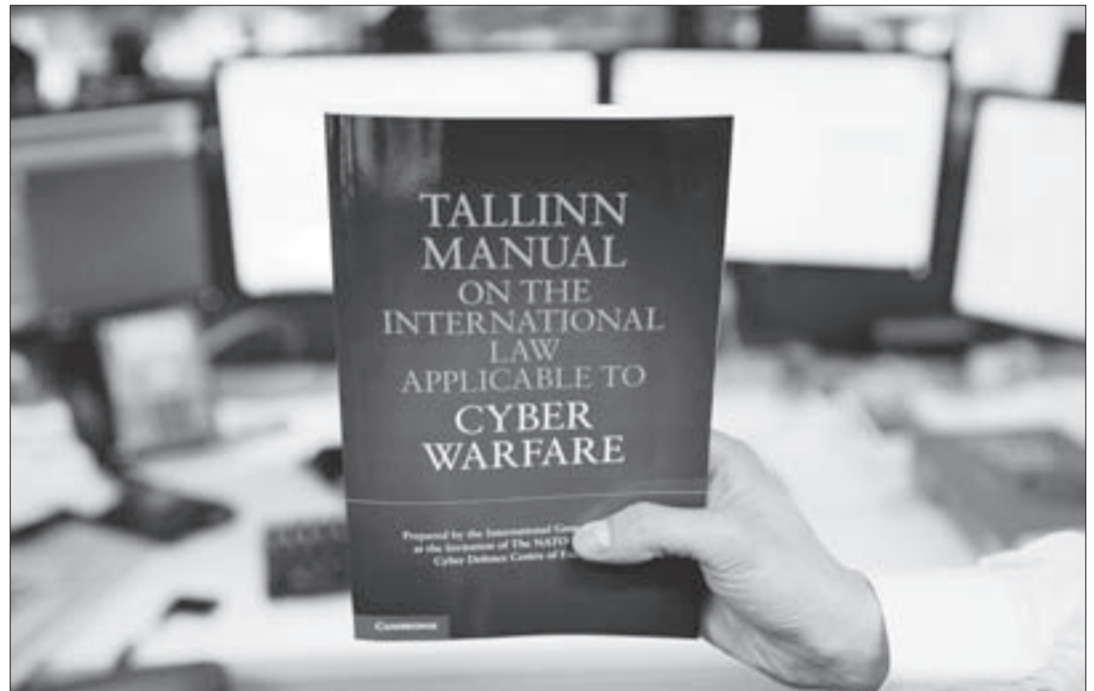
Marco Roscini, who teaches international law at London's University of Westminster, described the manual as a first-of-its-kind attempt to show that the laws of war — some of which date back to the 19th century — were flexible enough to accommodate the new realities of online conflict. The 282-page handbook has no official standing, but Roscini predicted that it would be an important reference as military lawyers across the world increasingly grapple with what to do about electronic attacks.

"I'm sure it will be quite influential," he said.

The manual's central premise is that war doesn't stop being war just because it happens online. Hacking a dam's controls to release its reservoir into a river valley can have the same effect as breaching it with explosives, its authors argue.

Legally speaking, a cyber-attack that sparks a fire at a military base is indistinguishable from an attack that uses an incendiary shell.

The humanitarian pro-



A copy of the Tallinn Manual, a rulebook on cyberwarfare, is held up in a posed photograph in London, Tuesday, March 19, 2013.

**Associated Press**

tections don't disappear online either. Medical computers get the same protection that brick-and-mortar hospitals do. The personal data related to prisoners of war has to be kept safe in the same way that the prisoners themselves are — for example by having the information stored separately from military servers that might be subject to attack.

Cyberwar can lead to cyberwar crimes, the man-

ual warned. Launching an attack from a neutral nation's computer network is forbidden in much the same way that hostile armies aren't allowed to march through a neutral country's territory. Shutting down the Internet in an occupied area in retaliation for a rebel cyberattack could fall afoul of international prohibitions on collective punishment.

The experts behind the manual — two dozen of-

ficers, academics, and researchers drawn mainly from NATO states — didn't always agree on how traditional rules applied in a cyberwar.

Self-defense was a thorny issue. International law generally allows nations to strike first if they spot enemy soldiers about to pour across the border, but how could that be applied to a world in which attacks can happen at the click of a mouse? □

## U.S. Justice: Email snooping law no longer sensible

**ANNE FLAHERTY**

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The U.S. Justice Department said Tuesday it supports rewriting 26-year-old legislation that has allowed law enforcement to read a person's emails without a search warrant so long as the email is older than six months or already opened. The law has long been criticized by privacy advocates as a loophole when it comes to protecting Americans from government snooping.

"There is no principled basis to treat email less than 180 days old differently than email more than 180 days old," Elana Tyrangiel, acting assistant attorney general in the Office of Legal Policy, told a House Judi-

ciary subcommittee. She also said emails deserve the same legal protections whether they have been opened or not.

Tyrangiel's testimony gives Congress a starting point as it begins to review a complicated 1986 law known as the Electronic Communications Privacy Act.

Written at a time before the Internet was popularized and before many Americans used Yahoo or Google servers to store their emails indefinitely, the law allows federal authorities to obtain a subpoena approved by a federal prosecutor — not a judge — to access electronic messages older than 180 days.

The Justice Department also has interpreted the

law to mean that law enforcement with only a subpoena can review emails that have already been opened by the user, although that has been challenged by the courts.

To obtain more recent or unopened communications, a warrant from a judge is required.

This is a higher standard that requires proof of probable cause that a crime is being committed.

So far, the law has been invaluable for investigators in child pornography cases and to develop probable cause to obtain warrants against suspected criminals, said Richard Littlehale, head of a high-tech investigative unit with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. He said the privacy prob-

lem has been overstated and law enforcement units have struggled to get access to data quickly enough.

"The truth is that no one has put forward any evidence of pervasive law enforcement abuse of ECPA provisions," Littlehale told the House panel.

But privacy advocates and technology companies like Google, Twitter and Dropbox have complained that law enforcement has gone too far.

Google says government demands for emails and other information held on its servers increased 136 percent since 2009.

"We recognize that local, state and law enforcement agencies have legitimate needs for data,"

said Richard Salgado, Google's director of law enforcement and information security. "We also recognize the need to ensure that disclosure laws, such as ECPA, properly honor the privacy that users of communications services reasonably expect."

A George Washington University law professor, Orin Kerr, told the panel that any new law should limit what data is disclosed to law enforcement, even if a warrant were obtained. Currently,

he said, a technology company will send the government the entire contents of a person's email account. "Investigators can scan through all the contents of a person's digital life without limit," Kerr said. □

## Gold rush continues

**The Associated Press**  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — Investors kept plowing money into gold on Tuesday, seeking a safe-haven investment as tension over the bank bailout in Cyprus intensified. Gold for April delivery was up \$6.70 to \$1,611.30 per ounce, even as prices fell for other key metals, oil and many U.S. stocks. The financial crisis in Cyprus has thrown markets around the world into disarray since Monday. Europe's bailout plan for the small country included taxing deposits in the country's banks — essentially making anyone with money in a bank help pay for the bailout. The plan met harsh resistance, and Cyprus lawmakers rejected it on Tuesday. For many investors, tension like that is a prime opportunity for buying gold, which can be viewed as a low-risk investment in times of geopolitical or economic turmoil. "The situation in Cyprus has caused uncertainty," said Jim Wyckoff, senior analyst at Kitco.com. "We're hearing all kinds of rumors and reports, and that's caused further unease." Industrial metals were down. May copper fell 2.25 cents to \$3.4055 per pound. June palladium plunged \$29.65, nearly 4 percent, to \$735.20 per ounce. April platinum fell \$23.80, or 1.5 percent, to \$1,555.40 per ounce. May silver was virtually flat, slipping 3.1 cents to \$28.843 per ounce. Benchmark oil for April delivery fell \$1.58 to \$92.16 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, used to price many kinds of oil imported by U.S. refineries, dropped \$2.06 to \$107.45 per barrel in London. In other energy trading, wholesale gasoline lost 8 cents to \$3.05 a gallon. Heating oil fell 6 cents to \$2.86 a gallon. Natural gas was the exception. It rose 9 cents to \$3.97 per 1,000 cubic feet, boosted by predictions that cold weather will continue through the rest of the month. □

## US housing starts rise, permits at 4 1/2-year high

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**AP Economics Writer**  
**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. builders started more houses and apartments in February and received building permits for future construction at the fastest pace in 4 1/2 years. The increases point to a housing recovery that is gaining strength. The Commerce Department said Tuesday that builders broke ground on homes last month at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 917,000. That's up from 910,000 in January. And it's the second-fastest pace since June 2008, behind December's rate of 982,000. Single-family home construction increased to an annual rate of 618,000, the most in 4 1/2 years. Apartment construction also ticked up, to 285,000. The gains are likely to grow even faster in the coming months. Building permits, a sign of future construction, increased 4.6 percent to 946,000. That was also the

most since June 2008, just a few months into the Great Recession. And the figures for January and December were also revised higher. Overall

the biggest drags from the housing crisis is easing. It could also clear the way for more people to put homes on the market. "The road ahead for hous-

Dow Jones industrial average rose 24 points in morning trading. Homebuilder stocks jumped. Hovnanian Enterprises rose 4.2 percent to \$6.24, while Lennar Corp. rose 0.4 percent to \$41.74.

Housing starts jumped in the U.S. Northeast and Midwest, while they fell in the South and West. Permits rose in the South, West and Midwest, falling only in the Northeast.

The housing market is recovering after stagnating for roughly five years. Steady job gains and near-record-low mortgage rates have encouraged more people to buy.

In addition, more Americans are seeking their own homes after doubling up with friends and relatives in the recession.

That's leading to greater demand for apartments and single-family homes to rent.

Still, the supply of available homes for sale remains low. That has helped push up home prices. □



**A construction worker works at a new home under construction in Chicago.**

(AP Photo/Nam Y. Huh)

housing starts have risen 28 percent higher over the past 12 months.

Separately, a private report showed the number of Americans with equity in their homes increased last year. That suggests one of

ing is still, so far, looking promising," Jennifer Lee, an economist at BMO Capital Markets, said in a note to clients.

The pair of positive housing reports helped drive gains on Wall Street. The

## Lululemon pulls revealing yoga pants from shelves

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Lululemon has yanked its popular black yoga pants from store shelves after it found that the sheer material used was revealing too much of its loyal customers. The company insisted it had not changed the specifications for the clothing, but is warning of a shortage of the extraordinarily popular clothing items, which make up about 17 percent of all women's pants and crop pants in its stores. Shares dropped more than 5 percent in morning trading Tuesday and one analyst that follows the company stripped it of its "Buy" rating. Sam Poser of Sterne, Agee & Leach advised clients to take a wait-and-see approach until the problem is resolved. He downgraded the company's shares to "Neutral." There appears to be a "ma-

ior quality control problem" in Asia where the "Luon" pants are made, Poser

said. While Lululemon has used the same factories to make its fabrics since 2004, he said it doesn't seem as though the company has the proper oversight in place. The Luon pants are one of the retailer's prod-



**A pedestrian walks past the Lululemon Athletica store Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at Union Square in New York. Lululemon has yanked its popular black yoga pants from store shelves after it found that the sheer material used was revealing too much of its loyal customers.**

(AP Photo/Mary Altaffer)

uct staples and Cowen analyst Faye Landes said that if there is any comfort

to be found, it is that Lululemon is not facing a demand problem. Lululemon has been a star for investors, as well as yoga devotees, with shares rocketing from less than \$3 in 2009, to around \$65 this year.

But the announcement comes just before the company posts earnings for the final quarter and full year on Thursday.

Lululemon Athletica Inc., based in Vancouver, British Columbia, cut its first-quarter revenue forecast as a result of its decision to withdraw the pants. The company now anticipates first-quarter revenue between \$333 million and \$343 million. Its prior guidance was for \$350 million to \$355 million. Analysts polled by FactSet expect revenue of \$352.1 million.

It also lowered its first-quarter outlook for comparable store revenues, from 11 percent, to between 5 percent and 8 percent.

Lululemon is offering full refunds or exchanges to customers.

Its shares dropped \$3.41, or 5.2 percent, to \$62.49 in late morning trading Tuesday. □



# Wall Street holds its own after Cyprus 'no' vote

**STEVE ROTHWELL**  
AP Business Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The latest twists in Europe's debt drama weighed down the stock market Tuesday, offsetting more good news on the U.S. housing market. The Dow Jones industrial average managed a gain of just four points, while other indexes closed slightly lower. Investors were focused on Cyprus, where the Mediterranean country's lawmakers voted against a proposed bailout plan for banks that would have called for raiding the savings accounts of ordinary citizens, setting a new precedent in Europe's ongoing debt crisis.

The plan was rejected — with zero votes in favor — even after being changed to lessen the burden on savers with lower balances. The vote leaves the Cyprus's bailout from international lenders in question, and without external funds the country's banks could face collapse and the government could wind up having to leave Europe's joint currency.

Many investors are betting the worst-case scenarios won't come to pass, however, especially since Europe's powerful central banker, European Central Bank President Mario Draghi, has vowed to take any steps necessary to preserve the 17-nation currency union.

"The concern in the market

is that they could default or they could be forced out of the euro zone and that would create a precedent," said Alec Young, a global equity strategist with S&P Capital IQ. "The selling, though, is fairly contained, and that tells you most people think there will

increase in new home construction in February. The index gained as much as 62 points in morning trading. It turned lower at mid-day as Cyprus' parliament began debating the contentious plan demanded by the country's lenders to seize as much as 10 per-

turned down.

The euro zone's debt crisis still has the power to captivate stock global markets, but investors worry about it less these days after Draghi pledged last year to do "whatever it takes" to preserve the euro.

The Dow's biggest wobble this year came Feb. 26, when it lost 1.6 percent after the results of Italian elections left the country in political turmoil, endangering crucial economic reforms. Even that was a less dramatic response than sell-offs a year ago when borrowing rates spiked for Spain and Italy as investors lost confidence in the ability of those countries to service their debt. On Tuesday the Dow rose 3.76 points, or 0.03 percent, to close at 14,455.82. Other major market indexes fell slightly. The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 3.76 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,548.34. The Nasdaq composite fell 8.50 points, or 0.3 percent, to 3,229.10. Markets declined Monday, with the Dow giving up 62 points, following a weekend of drama as

Cyprus' leaders acceded to the demands from European lenders to seize depositors' funds, which were met with outrage. While the reaction Tuesday was more muted, investors were still watching closely to see if the situation takes a turn for the worse. "The situation in Cyprus is keeping everyone glued to their TVs," Joseph Tanious, global market strategist at J.P. Morgan Funds, said before the vote.

Tanious says investors shouldn't immediately overreact to the news coming out of Europe, but instead take a step back and remember Draghi's pledge. "Do not underestimate the power of the ECB," said Tanious. U.S. markets have been on a roll this year. The Dow is up 10.3 percent and broke through its previous all-time high on March 5, driven by strength in housing and a pickup in hiring. Strong company earnings and continuing stimulus from the Federal Reserve is also helping boost demand for stocks. □



Visa executives Jack Carsky, left, Head of Global Investor Relations; Joseph Saunders, second left, Executive Chairman; and John Partridge, right, President, applaud as CEO Charles Scharf rings the New York Stock Exchange opening bell, Tuesday, March 19, 2013. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

be some kind of compromise reached." The Dow and other U.S. indexes started higher following a report of a surprisingly large

percent of the funds in savings accounts. The market steadied in the afternoon after the vote occurred and a move to delay it was

## Ford will pay \$750 million to close Belgian plant

**DEARBORN, Michigan (AP)** — Ford Motor Co. will pay \$750 million in separation benefits to hourly workers at a Belgian factory it plans to close next year.

Ford revealed the cost in a government filing Tuesday.

Ford employs 4,000 hourly workers at the Genk plant. Most approved the separation plan last week. Payments will vary based on age and seniority.

Workers 50 or younger will get up to two-and-a-half

years of pay. Those 52 or older will get a bridging pension until they reach 65. Ford also promised to repay a 2.5-percent wage reduction workers agreed to in 2010.

Ford, based in Dearborn,

Michigan, is closing the Genk plant and others to deal with overproduction and low sales in Europe.

The company has warned that the restructuring will cost \$2 billion this year. □

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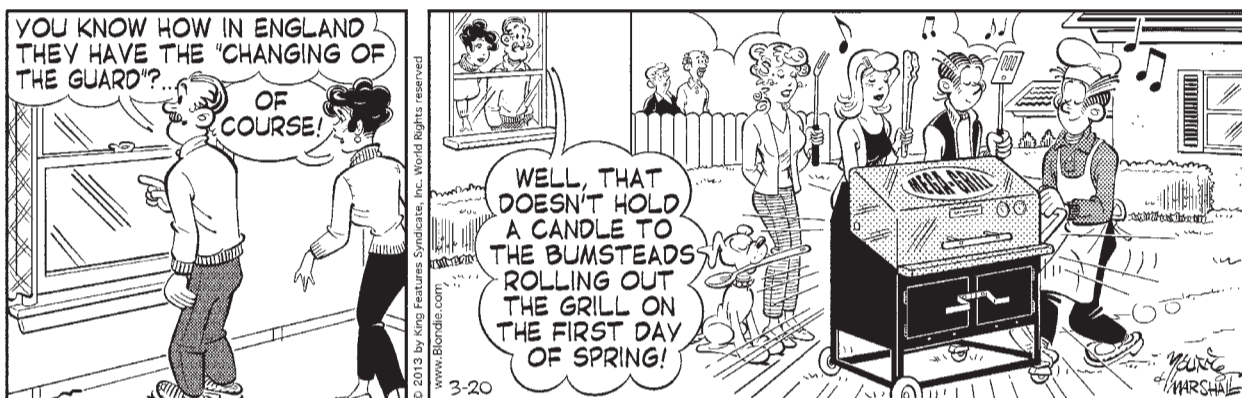
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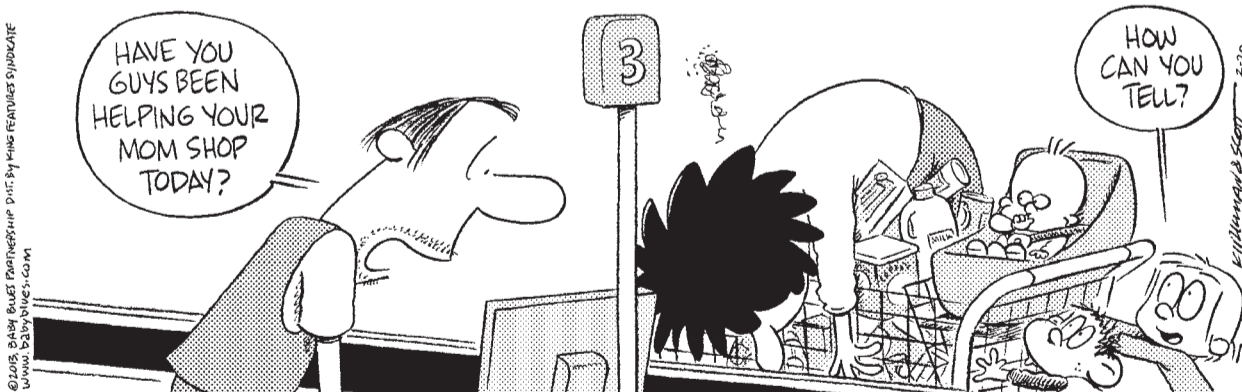
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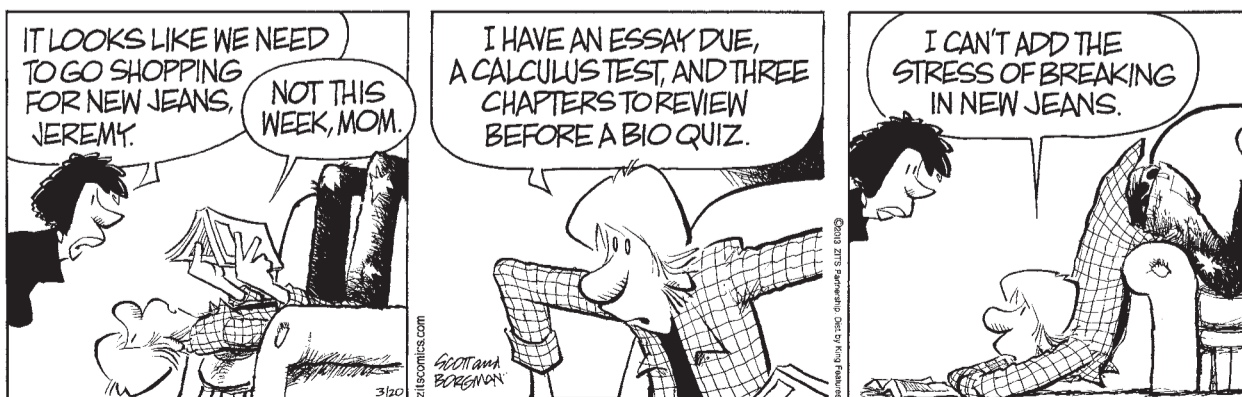
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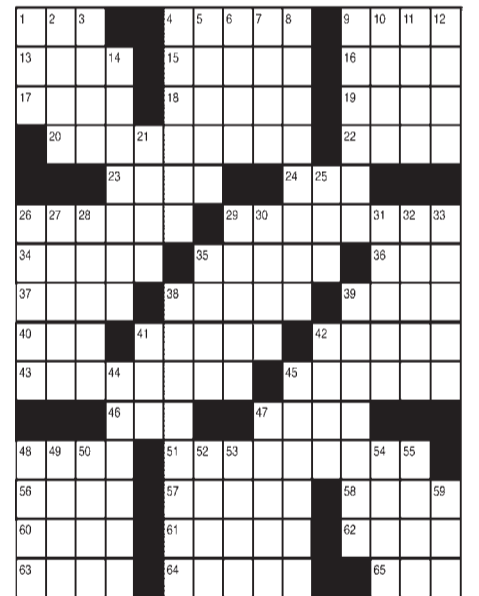
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

9	1	5	7	3	8	4	6	2
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Sort; variety
- 4 Accumulate
- 9 Unslightly mark
- 13 Fibbed
- 15 Royal
- 16 Hubbub
- 17 "The Ranger"
- 18 Native New Zealander
- 19 Take apart
- 20 Missing past times
- 22 Bothersome person
- 23 Pea casings
- 24 Fish in a backyard pond
- 26 Yacht dock
- 29 Less wobbly
- 34 Diminish
- 35 Neckwear
- 36 Observe
- 37 Sheltered bay
- 38 Pliers and screwdrivers
- 39 Give a hoot
- 40 Pennsylvania or Fifth: abbr.
- 41 Chaplain's title
- 42 Kilt's pattern
- 43 Cardiff resident
- 45 Fruit drinks
- 46 Printing store chain
- 47 Bacterium
- 48 Ship's pole
- 51 Humiliate
- 56 "M\*A\*S\*H" star
- 57 Enlarges a hole
- 58 \_\_\_ away: subtract
- 60 Slothful
- 61 Follow
- 62 Actress Gray
- 63 Peepers
- 64 Singer Springfield
- 65 Most common contraction



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**Tuesday's Puzzle Solved**

MUGS	UNCAP	SPAT
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RECIDIVISM	BADE	
ARTS	TASTE	URGE
BOSH	SNEER	DYED

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**DOWN**

- 1 Sick
- 2 "King of the Jungle"
- 3 Game like lotto
- 4 Fleet of ships
- 5 Dining room events
- 6 Very excited
- 7 Woman's garb in India
- 8 Raincoats
- 9 Ignorant
- 10 Ice cream scoop holder
- 11 \_\_\_ up; makes sense
- 12 Underground part of a plant
- 14 Regardless of
- 21 Muscle quality
- 25 Bumpkin
- 26 Large parrot
- 27 Over
- 28 Fray; come apart
- 29 Contempt
- 30 Story
- 31 Father of Jacob and Esau
- 32 Mysterious
- 33 Tall marsh grasses
- 35 \_\_\_ pop; soft drink
- 38 \_\_\_ with; altered maliciously
- 39 Weather
- 41 Greek letter
- 42 Cat's sound
- 44 Aerosols
- 45 Football shirt
- 47 Whole range
- 48 Store event
- 49 Theatrical production
- 50 Shaping tool
- 52 List of dishes
- 53 Singing voice
- 54 \_\_\_ Lee; frozen dessert brand
- 55 Pare, as a tater
- 59 Conclude



Mexico's Secretary of Tourism Claudia Ruiz Massieu and Mexico Tourism Board CEO Rodolfo Lopez Negrete address international press corp at Tianguis Turistico in Puebla, Mexico on Monday, March 18, 2013. (Christian Palma/AP Images)

## Mexico may drop out of world's "tourism top 10"

**Associated Press MEXICO CITY (AP)** — Mexico's top tourism official says the country may be dropped from the list of the world's top 10 tourist destinations, a spot it has held for years. Tourism Secretary Claudia Ruiz Massieu hasn't said why the drop has occurred, but there were declines in 2012 in two areas that have been affected by violence — border tourism and cruise ship stopovers.

The country has shown an overall drop in the number of international tourists arriving. The regional director for the World Tourism Organization said Tuesday it may be less a story of Mexico losing tourists than about other countries such as Russia, Malaysia and Austria making big gains. Despite the drop in visitors, he noted that tourism revenues to Mexico have been growing. □

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# NASA moon craft spots Ebb and Flow crash sites

**ALICIA CHANG**  
AP Science Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — When NASA's twin spacecraft Ebb and Flow crashed into the moon last year, scientists did not count on seeing the aftermath.

On Tuesday, the space agency released before-and-after pictures of the lunar north pole where Ebb and Flow came to rest. Months after the back-to-back, mission-ending dives, the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter flew over the crash sites and imaged the final resting spots.

Ebb and Flow broke into smithereens upon impact and pinpointing the small craters they carved was difficult, said Arizona State University researcher Mark Robinson, who operates the orbiter's camera.

Even the mission's chief scientist, Maria Zuber, was surprised when she saw the impact sites, which looked like dots.

"I was expecting to see skid tracks," said Zuber of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Ebb and Flow deliberately plunged into a lunar mountain in December after mapping the moon's grav-

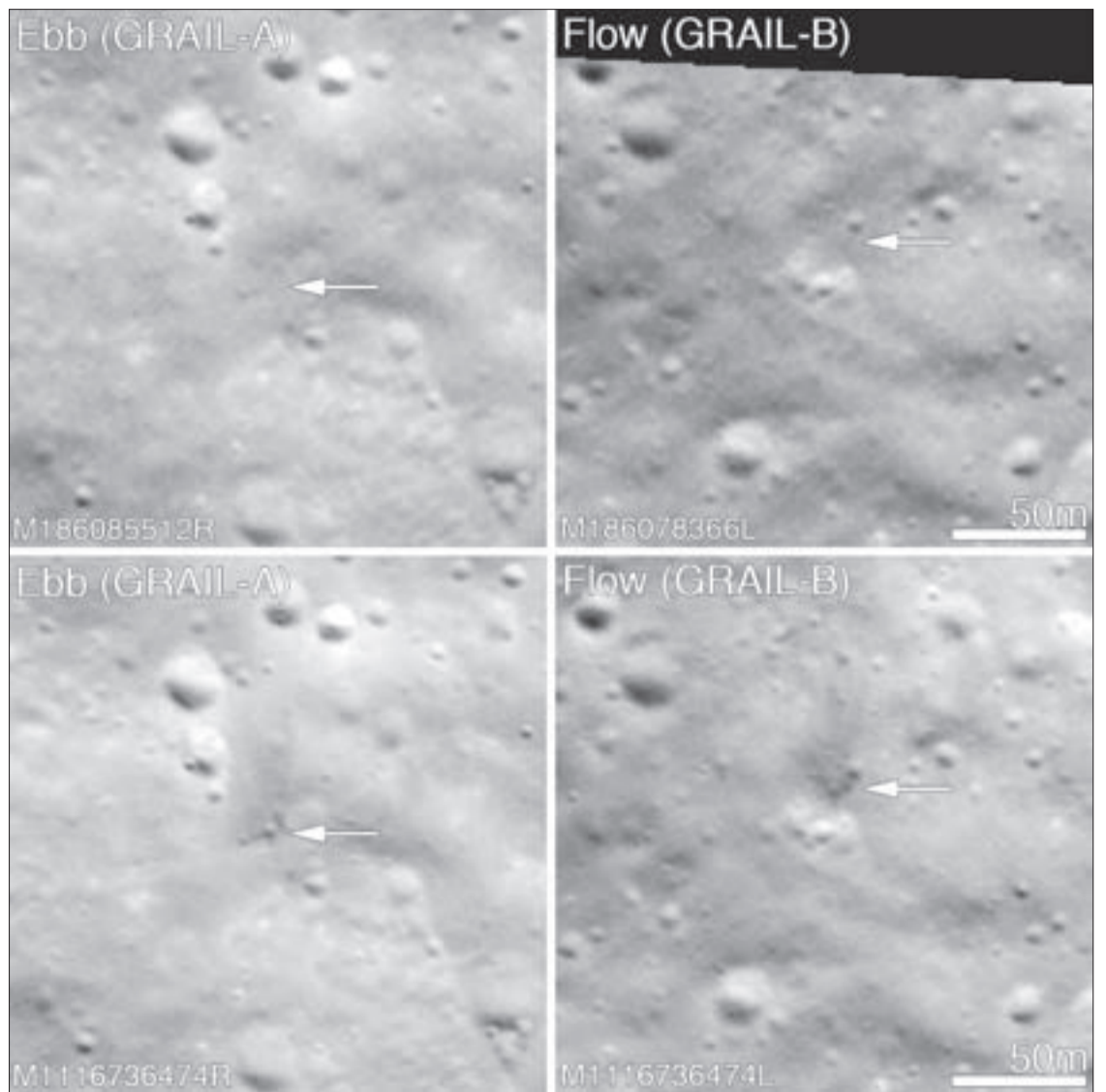
ity field in unprecedented detail. The location was chosen because it was far away from the Apollo landings and other historic sites. Since the finale occurred in the dark, telescopes from Earth did not capture it. Even the reconnaissance orbiter had to wait until sunlight streamed to the northern lunar region.

Launched in 2011, the spacecraft spent nearly a year flying in formation, exclusively collecting gravitational data. Among the discoveries: The lunar crust is much thinner and more battered than scientists had imagined.

Initially flying at 35 miles (56 kilometers) above the lunar surface, the spacecraft dipped lower and lower in altitude during the \$487 million mission.

Scientists are still poring through the last chunk of data beamed back just before their demise.

The Ebb and Flow crash sites were named in honor of mission team member, Sally Ride, the first American woman in space who died last year. Ride's educational company supplied the cameras on the mission that allowed stu-



This composite image released NASA taken by NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter shows a region of the moon before and after the twin Grail spacecraft deliberately crashed into in December 2012. The spacecraft called Ebb and Flow mapped the lunar gravity in greater detail than previous missions.

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students to take their own pictures of craters and other geological features. □

# Mars rover Curiosity stands down after new problem

**ALICIA CHANG**  
AP Science Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — The Mars rover Curiosity is sidelined again, further delaying the restart of science-experiments, after recovering from a computer problem.

The latest complication occurred over the weekend when the six-wheel rover entered safe mode after experiencing a software file error.

Curiosity remained in contact with ground controllers, but it can't zap rocks, snap pictures or roam around until the problem is fixed. Rover team members had expected to resume activities Monday, but they now have to wait a bit longer — perhaps un-

til the end of the week.

"We would definitely like to get over this and get back to doing something," said project manager Richard Cook of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which operates the \$2.5 billion mission.

Studies at the Gale Crater landing site have been on hold since the beginning of March after engineers discovered a problem with Curiosity's computer memory, possibly caused by space radiation. The latest snafu isn't as serious, but any unexpected problem throws off the schedule, Cook said.

It's the longest stretch of inactivity since Curiosity's daring touchdown near the Martian equator last

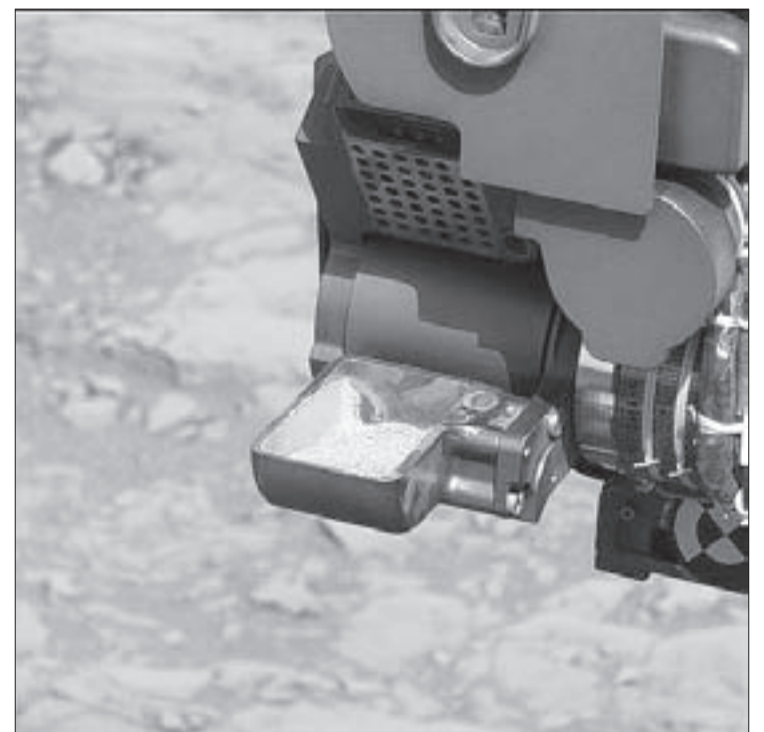
year.

Just before halting its investigations, the nuclear-powered rover used the drill at the end of its 7-foot (2.1-meter)-long robotic arm to bore into a rock near where it landed and analyze the powder.

Last week, scientists announced the results from the first drilling: Curiosity had discovered an ancient Martian environment that could have been favorable for primitive microbial life.

Despite the excitement over achieving one of the mission's main goals, it has yet to find complex organic molecules considered the chemical building blocks of life.

Once Curiosity returns to



This image released by NASA shows the Curiosity rover holding a scoop of powdered rock on Mars. The rover recently drilled into a Martian rock for the first time and transferred a pinch of powder to its instruments to analyze the chemical makeup.

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normal, it will only have a few days to work before a planetary alignment limits

radio communication between Earth and Mars during most of next month. □

## 'Homeland' writer-producer Henry Bromell dies at 66

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A representative for Henry Bromell, an executive producer for the TV series "Homeland," says Bromell has died.

Bromell's longtime agent and friend, Peter Benedek, said Bromell died Monday at a Los Angeles area hospital. The cause of death may have been a heart attack, Benedek said Tuesday.

Last year, Bromell shared in Emmy and Golden Globe best-drama awards for Showtime's "Homeland."

In 1992, he won a Humanitas Prize for the TV drama "I'll Fly Away."

The 66-year-old Bromell was "an immensely talented and prolific" writer and producer, Showtime said in a statement. His other TV credits included "Northern Exposure," "Chicago Hope," "Rubicon" and "Brotherhood."

He is survived by his wife, Sarah, and sons William and Jake, according to his agent.

Funeral plans weren't immediately announced. □



This Sept. 23, 2012 file photo shows executive producer Henry Bromell backstage at the 64th Primetime Emmy Awards at the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles.

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## Condoleezza Rice writing book on democracy

NEW YORK (AP) — Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is working on a book about democracy.

Henry Holt and Company announced Tuesday that the book, currently untitled, will be published in 2015. The 58-year-old Rice has previously written or co-written a handful of policy books, along with memoirs about her family and her years in the George W. Bush administration.

She served as national se-

curity adviser during Bush's first term and secretary of state during his second term.

She is currently a professor of political economy and political science at Stanford University, where she has taught off and on since the early 1980s.

In her new book, Rice will draw upon personal and professional experiences to address such issues as self-government, immigration and education. □

## Holmes tells Allure she hopes 2013 is 'peaceful'

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NEW YORK (AP) — Katie Holmes doesn't talk about her split from actor Tom Cruise but she does say she hopes this year is better than the last.

The actress tells Allure magazine she wants 2013 to be "a peaceful year for a lot of people."

She goes on to cite some of 2012's major headlines like Superstorm Sandy and the Newtown, Connecti-

cut, school shooting, adding she hopes "it's a good year for everyone."

The 34-year-old, who has a six-year-old daughter named Suri with Cruise, does say she's "open" to the idea of expanding her family in the future.

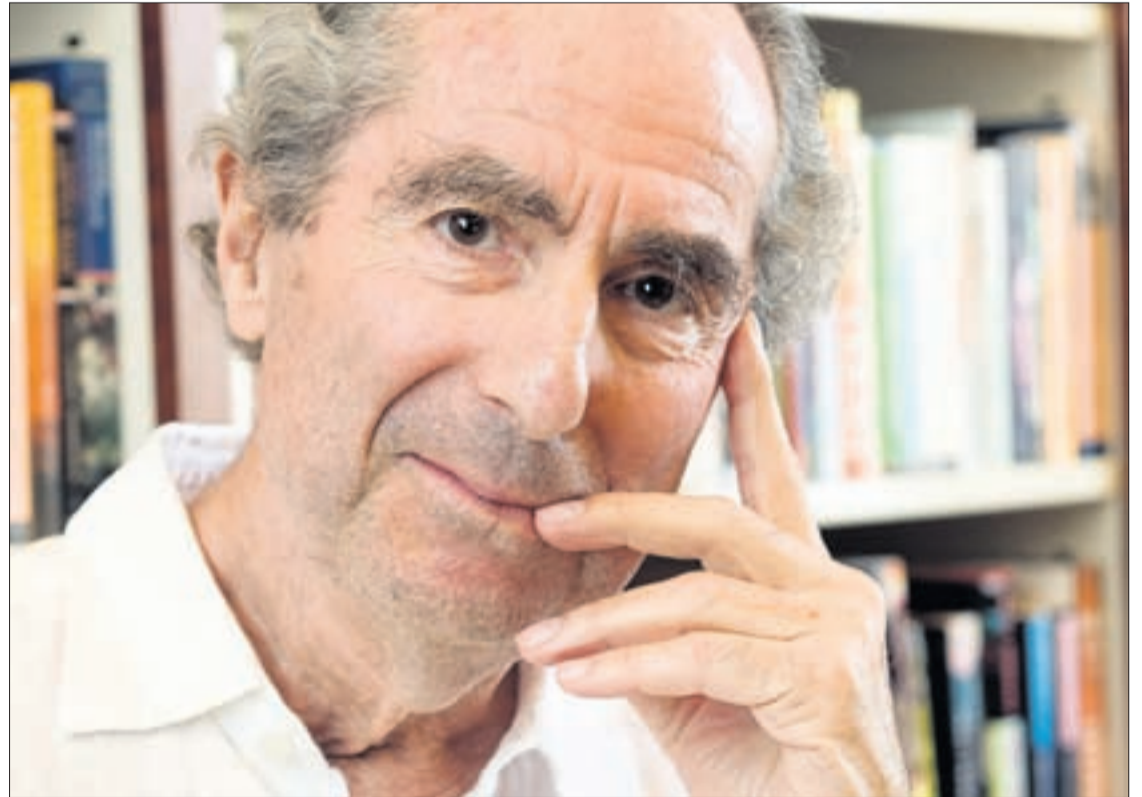
Holmes filed for divorce from Cruise last June after five years of marriage.

Allure's April issue goes on sale nationwide March 26. □



This magazine cover image released by Allure shows actress Katie Holmes on the cover of the April 2013 issue. Associated Press

## Roth's 80th is cause for native city's celebration



In this Sept. 8, 2008 file photo, author Philip Roth poses for a photo in the offices of his publisher Houghton Mifflin, in New York.

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NEWARK, New Jersey (AP)

— "Sitting there in the park," Philip Roth wrote in "Goodbye Columbus," "I felt a deep knowledge of Newark, an attachment so rooted that it could not help but branch out into affection." On the novelist's 80th birthday Tuesday, the New Jersey city returned the sentiment to one of its most celebrated natives.

The city that played an important role in many of Roth's novels played host to a series of events including a birthday party at the Newark Museum, where

the author cut a cake made to look like a stack of books.

"Newark has been to Roth's writing what whaling is to Melville," said Rosemary Steinbaum, a curator of "Philip Roth: An Exhibit of Photos from a Lifetime" that opened Tuesday at the Newark Public Library. Roth was born and raised in a neighborhood populated almost entirely by Jewish families at the time. The city features prominently in his novels, including "American Pastoral," "Nemesis," "The Plot Against America" and

"Portnoy's Complaint."

Newark, a brief train ride from New York City, is often more well-known these days for its poverty and dysfunction.

Liz Del Tufo, president of the Newark Preservation and Landmarks Committee, started giving Roth bus tours in 2005. She and the society were instrumental in getting Roth to celebrate his birthday in the city.

"Whenever Liz Del Tufo calls him, which is at least monthly, he says, 'Am I 80 yet?'" said Roth's biographer, Blake Bailey. □



In this Feb. 25, 2013 file photo, South Korean rapper PSY performs before President Park Geun-hye's presidential inauguration ceremony at the National Assembly in Seoul, South Korea. Associated Press

## PSY to revise song over worry it may offend Arabs

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)** — PSY says he will change the title and lyrics of his potential "Gangnam Style" follow-up over worries it could offend Arabs. The announced title for the song can be written as "As-sarabia" or "Assaravia" in English. It's slang used by South Koreans to express thrills. It suggests no ethnicity or body part, but worries have risen that Arabs might misinterpret the title and find it derogatory.

PSY said Monday on a South Korean social media website that he has decided to change the title. Some lyrics also will change. After several Korean albums, PSY has promised future work in English but it isn't clear when. The "Gangnam Style" video with its catchy tune and much-imitated horse-riding dance has a record 1.44 billion views on YouTube since July. □

## Singer Michelle Shocked makes anti-gay slur

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Alternative folk and rock singer Michelle Shocked has had several shows canceled after making an anti-gay slur at a San Francisco concert. Yoshi's San Francisco Director of Marketing Lisa Bautista told The Associated Press that Shocked had just begun her second set Sunday night when she made comments that included the slur. The venue muted her microphone, dimmed the lights and announced the show was over. Bautista said Tuesday she was told people in the audience asked Shocked to stop and walked out. Shocked was scheduled to perform at the Hopmonk Tavern in Novato, but the Marin Independent Journal reports the March 29



In this March 5, 2011 file photo shows alternative folk and rock singer Michelle Shocked performing for a crowd at the state Capitol in Madison, Wis. Shocked has had several shows canceled after making an anti-gay slur at a concert in San Francisco. Associated Press

show was canceled. At least four other shows also have been canceled, including one in Boulder, Colorado, in May for the radio show eTown. □

# Sci-fi star Emilia Clarke on being Holly Golightly



This March 14, 2013 photo shows British actress Emilia Clarke posing for a portrait in New York. Clarke, best known for her role in the HBO series, "Game of Thrones," is currently starring in the Broadway production of "Breakfast at Tiffany's." Associated Press

**MARK KENNEDY**  
AP Drama Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Emilia Clarke was auditioning to play one of America's most iconic heroines and wanted to impress. Her first scene required her to bite an apple. "I was like, 'Oh, yeah. I'm going to go all Daniel Day-Lewis on them. I'm going to bring my own apple!'" the British actress recently recalled. Everything was going well in the London rehearsal room until the character takes a bite. "I took this almighty hunk. I literally took half the apple in this one mouthful," she says, laughing. As her scene partner and the director watched, stunned, Clarke kept going, despite a mouthful of fruit. "I remember being, 'Well, I guess I have to kind of go there.'" Whether it was due to her exuberance or sheer commitment, or a mixture of both, Clarke won the part, and what a part it is: Holly Golightly in a stage adaptation of Truman Capote's classic 1958 novella, "Breakfast at Tiffany's." "I still don't think I really do realize the enormity of it," says Clarke, who will be making her Broadway debut — actually, her first professional stage debut — in the role made famous in

film by Audrey Hepburn. "It's funny, a lot of actors I've spoken to have sort of said, 'Oh, it's really brave that you're doing it,'" she says. "I'm like, 'What? Are you kidding me?' This would never have been a choice. It's a 100 percent yes. You don't say 'maybe' to that." Clarke, a petite, stunning brunette with a wide smile, has come to the role from what seems like the other side of the galaxy. For the past few years she's been playing the platinum-haired Daenerys Targaryen in the fantasy adventure saga "Game of Thrones," a series adapted from George R.R. Martin's novel series "A Song of Ice and Fire." Last year, viewership climbed to rank as HBO's third most popular show of all time, averaging 11.6 million viewers weekly across all the company's platforms. Season three begins at the end of the month. Playing Daenerys has helped propel the 25-year-old Clarke, who is known on the show as The Mother of Dragons, into a star. "She's the reason why I'm doing 'Breakfast at Tiffany's!'" says Clarke. "I don't know how they connect and I don't know how I've fooled these people into thinking I can do both of them. But it's been — and

continues to be — the most incredible roller coaster." Fans of the Blake Edwards film will find this Golightly is very different from the one that made Hepburn a fashion icon, with her ball gowns, long gloves, elaborate pearl chokers and trademark cigarette holder. The play's creative team returned to the time period that author Capote originally set his story, meaning during World War II, not the more glamorous 1960s of the movie. Playwright Richard Greenberg has made it truer to the grittier subject of the novella, which is more explicit in its exploration of the relationship between a gay man and a straight call girl. "I almost think that 'Breakfast at Tiffany's' is one of those films that people know for the image and are unaware of the history and are unaware of the subtext of it as well. We don't shy away from that in the play. That's the beauty of it, I think," she says. "In among the dirt is where you'll find the hope. It can only shine out in the glorious way that it does in the play if it's surrounded in murky waters." Making things even harder is that Clarke is a huge Hepburn fan, who recalls watching her in "My Fair Lady" multiple times. □

## Real Carbon Solution



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Sometime this summer, in Odessa, Texas, the Summit Power Group plans to break ground on a \$2.5 billion coal gasification power plant. Summit has named this the Texas Clean Energy Project. With good reason.

Part of the promise of this power plant is its use of gasified coal; because the gasification process doesn't burn the coal, it makes for far cleaner energy than a traditional coal-fired plant.

But another reason this plant – and a handful of similar plants – has such enormous potential is that it will capture some 90 percent of the facility's already reduced carbon emissions. Some of those carbon emissions will be used to make fertilizer. The rest will be sold to the oil industry, which will push it into the ground, as part of a process called enhanced oil recovery.

Let us count the potential benefits if plants like this became commonplace. Currently, some 40 percent of carbon emissions come from power plants. The carbon-capture process Summit will employ "is the only technology that can reduce CO2 emissions from existing, stationary sources by up to 90 percent," said Judi Greenwald of the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions. To put it another way, this technology could be a climate-saver.

Second: Environmentalists could call off their war against the coal industry, thus saving tens of thousands of jobs, as climate-destroying coal-fired plants were replaced by clean coal gasification plants. Third: Gas-fired power plants, which already emit 50 percent less carbon than coal-fired plants, could become even cleaner if they included the carbon capture technology. Fourth: Using carbon emissions to recover previously ungettable oil has the potential to unlock vast untapped American reserves. Last year, Exxon Mobil reported that enhanced oil recovery would allow it to extend the life of a single oil field in West Texas by 20 years. Fifth: China. Too often, American environmentalists ignore the reality that the Chinese are far more concerned with economic growth than climate change. (And who can blame them? All they want is what we already have.) The Chinese are relentlessly building coal-fired power plants, which Western environmentalists couldn't stop even if they tried. But if power plants like

Summit's – which will turn CO2 into profitable products – were to gain momentum, that would likely catch China's attention. A reduction of carbon emissions from Chinese power plants would do far more to help reverse climate change than – dare I say it? – blocking the Keystone XL oil pipeline.

The Summit executive most closely associated with the Texas Clean Energy Project is Laura Miller. Her environmental credentials are unimpeachable. As the mayor of Dallas in 2006, Miller founded the Texas Clean Air Cities Coalition to fight a plan by TXU Energy, a big power company, to build 11 new coal-fired plants. During a trip to Europe, she saw both coal gasification and carbon-capture technologies being used. When she left the mayor's office, she signed up with Summit and became a passionate advocate of the Odessa plant. Eric Redman, the president and chief executive of Summit Power, describes her as "the public face of the project." (As a young man, by the way, Redman wrote one of the classic works about Congress, "The Dance of Legislation." It's still worth reading.)

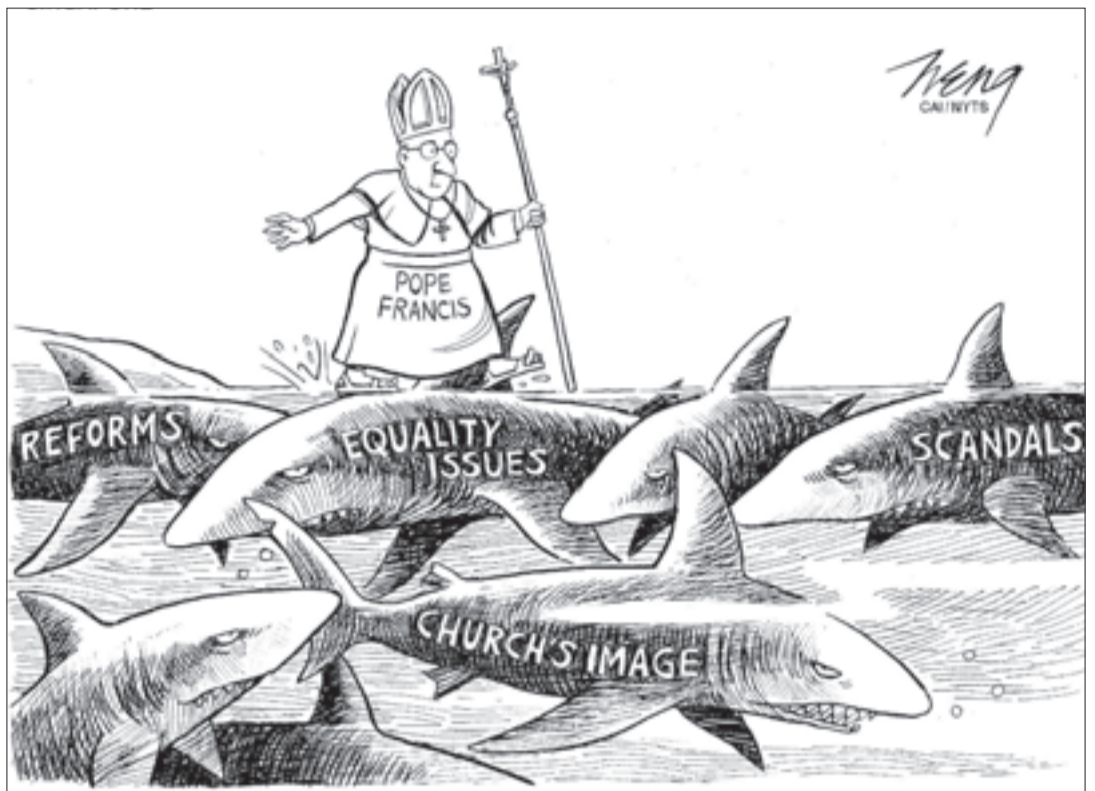
So who could possibly be against coal gasification and carbon capture? Ratepayers, for one, mainly because carbon-capture technology is so expensive. In 2011, American Electric Power, or AEP, canceled a big carbon-capture project, in part because it was clear that state regulators were not going to allow the company to pass on the additional costs to its customers.

To help make the project economically viable, the Texas Clean Energy Project is getting a \$450 million grant from the Department of Energy. (Absurdly, the Internal Revenue Service is requiring Summit to pay taxes on the federal grant, which means that a third of it will go right back to the government.) But if the plant proves successful – as I believe it will – and others replicate it, the costs will inevitably come down, and federal help won't likely be needed.

And the other opponent? None other than Bill McKibben, "Mr. Stop Keystone" himself. When I emailed him to ask whether he supported carbon-capture for enhanced oil recovery, he replied that if carbon were sent back into the ground "the worst possible thing to do with it is to get more oil above ground." He continued, "It's time to keep oil in the earth, not to mention gas and coal."

To me, at least, his answer suggests that his crusade has blinded him to the real problem. The enemy is not fossil fuels; it is the damage that is done because of the way we use fossil fuels. If we can find a way to create clean energy from fossil fuels, then they can become (as they used to say) part of the solution instead of part of the problem.

Thankfully, Laura Miller and Eric Redman understand that, even if Bill McKibben doesn't. □



## What The Church Needs Now



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The man who was transformed last week from Jorge Mario Bergoglio into the first Pope Francis faces a long list of challenges, each seemingly more daunting than the last. There's the immediate need to reform a Vatican bureaucracy whose dysfunction helped sabotage his predecessor's reign. There's the larger challenge of lifting the shadow of the sex abuse crisis from the Western church. And then comes the task of making Catholic Christianity seem vital and appealing in cultures where the new pope's church is widely regarded as archaic, irrelevant, or malign.

But in a sense all of these challenges have one solution, or at least one place where any solution has to start. Francis' reign will be a success if it begins to restore the moral credibility of the church's hierarchy and clergy, and it will be a failure if it does not.

Catholics believe that their church is designed to survive the lapses of its leaders. The Mass is the Mass even if the priest is a sinner. Bishops do not need to be holy to preserve the teachings of the faith. The litany of the saints includes countless figures – from Joan of Arc to the newly canonized Mary MacKillop, an Australian nun involved in the reporting of child abuse by a priest – who

suffered injustices from church authorities in their lifetimes.

But it's one thing for Catholics in a Catholic culture, possessed of shared premises and shared moral ideals, to accept a certain amount of "do as I say, not as I do" from their pastors and preachers.

It's quite another to ask a culture that doesn't accept Catholic moral ideals to respect an institution whose leaders can't seem to live out the virtues that they urge on others.

In that culture – our culture – priestly sex abuse and corruption in the Vatican aren't just seen as evidence that all men are sinners. They're seen as evidence that the church has no authority to judge what is and isn't sin, that the renunciation Catholicism preaches mostly warps and rarely fulfills, and that the world's approach to sex (and money, and ambition) is the only sane approach there is.

Such worldliness should not be confused with atheism. Our age is still religious; it's just made its peace with human appetites and all the varied ways they intertwine. From the sermons of Joel Osteen to the epiphanies of "Eat, Pray, Love," our spiritual oracles still urge us to seek the supernatural, the numinous, the divine. They just dismiss the idea that the divine could possibly want anything for us except for what we already want for ourselves.

Religion without renunciation has obvious appeal. But its cultural consequences are not all self-evidently positive. Absent ideals of chastity, people are less likely to form families. Absent ideals of solidarity, more people live and age and die alone. The social landscape that we take for granted is one that many earlier generations would have regarded as dystopian: Sex and reproduction have both been ruthlessly commodified, adult freedoms are

enjoyed at the expense of children's interests, fewer children grow up with both a mother and a father, and fewer and fewer children are even born at all.

So there are shadows on our liberated society, doubts that creep in around the edges, moments when scolds and moralists and even popes almost seem to have a point. Which helps explain, perhaps,

the strange, self-contradictory defensiveness that greets the Catholic Church's persistent refusal to simply bless every new development and call it progress. (Nobody cares what the pope thinks – and I demand that he think exactly as I do!)

It explains, too, why the appropriate moral outrage with which the secular press has covered scandals in the church has often included a subtext of vindication and relief. (They stand in judgment on the rest of us, but their own "ideals" just lead to repression and perversion. They claim to be above materialism, but they're obviously in it for the same things as everyone else ...)

If Catholicism has a future in the Western world as something more than a foil, an Other and a symbol of the Benighted Past We Have Safely Left Behind, it needs its leaders to set an example that proves these voices wrong. Before anything else, that requires a generation of priests and bishops who hold themselves to a higher standard – higher than their immediate predecessors, and higher than the world.

It also requires more from the new pope than an evocative name and a humble posture. Catholicism needs someone like Pius V, the 16th-century pontiff at whose tomb Francis prayed on the day after his elevation – a disciplinarian whose housecleaning helped further the Counter-Reformation. The Vatican needs purgation at the top, to enable real renewal from below. □



## Louis Vuitton presents London through the eyes of Natsko Seki



**ORANJESTAD/LONDON** - Louis Vuitton Boutique Aruba, located at Renaissance Mall, is proud to announce the Maison's latest addition to its collection of fine publications, which will be available as of May 2013. The Louis Vuitton Travel Book is a new and original approach to

travel books, that can be described by being somewhere between the travel journal and the sketch book. Each artist confronts an unfamiliar place with a viewpoint sharpened by the surprise of the unknown or stimulated by the pleasure of rediscovery. This vision

of a place as a blank, unlined page inspires incisive commentaries that may be narrative, affectionate, satirical or picturesque. The Congolese artist Chéri Samba shows us Paris; the American Daniel Arsham, Easter Island; the Frenchman JeanPhilippe Delhomme, New York; and the young Japanese illustrator Natsko Seki, London. Natsko Seki's dreams have always been filled with images: the chiseled visuals of Paul Rand, Saul Bass's film titles and, more generally, the work of American and British graphic designers of the 1960s and '70s. In 2001, at the age of twenty-four, she left her native Japan to study graphic design in London. Her knowledge of the profession amounted to a blank page. She discovered shapes and colors, and the nuances of lines drawn by hand or on a computer. Eventually, she realized that she enjoyed illustration and animation more than graphic design. She had found her vocation. After graduating, she



worked as an illustrator for the press until book publishers started noticing her sparkling, mischievous, imaginative work and asked her to illustrate covers and children books, among them *Am I Big or Small?*, by Masahito Ohashi (FukuinkanShoten Publishers, 2009), and *If Minds Had Toes*, by Lucy Eyre (Bloomsbury, 2008). She also works on advertising projects — such as a poster campaign for Transport for London, displayed in all the city's underground stations — and wants to continue working in the publishing

world as well. Natsko Seki's illustrations are a sort of oxymoron. Cleverly combining her hand-drawn illustrations with images made with the latest computer and photographic tools, she tells timeless stories tinged with a sweet nostalgia. Her sketches incorporate black-and-white collages and are enlivened with festive touches of color. The photographs used in her illustrations are drawn from her daily life, and the characters have the faces of her friends, husband and son, or strangers she meets in the street. When she animates one of her works, she uses a manual technique called stop motion, which confers a poetic feel on these entertaining pieces. While her first commissions came mostly from Japanese clients, she now works more and more in Britain, which she sees as an indication of the universal nature of illustration, and continues to expand her horizons. □

